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Table I. NMED and early editions of OALD

NMED (1935)	ISED (1942) / ALD1 (1948)	ALD2 (1963)	OALD3 (1974)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>			
without value; without self-respect	wretched; miserable; (of persons) having no courage and deserving contempt	1. (of conditions) wretched; miserable ... 2. (of persons, their actions, behaviour) degraded; deserving contempt because cowardly or self-abasing	1. (of conditions) wretched; miserable ... 2. (of persons, their actions, behaviour) degraded; deserving contempt because cowardly or self-abasing
<b>accuse (v.)</b>			
to say that a person has done wrong, to blame	say that a person has done wrong, that he has broken the law, or that he is to be blamed. <b>the accused</b> the person who is accused of doing wrong, esp. in a court of law.	say that (sb.) has done wrong, broken the law, is to be blamed ... <b>the ~d</b> , the person charged (in a law-court).	~ <b>sb (of sth)</b> , say that (sb) has done wrong, broken the law, is to be blamed ... <b>the ~d</b> , the person charged in a criminal case
<b>can (n.)</b>			
a small metal container, usually round, for holding fruits and foods	a metal container for holding liquids, tobacco, fruit, food, etc.	1 metal container for liquids, etc.; ... 2. (formerly U.S.A. but now also in Gt. Brit.; cf <i>tin</i> ) tin-plated airtight container (for meat, fish, fruit, and other foods, also cigarettes, etc.); contents of such a container ...	1 metal container, usu with a lid, for liquids, etc ... <b>carry the can (for sb)</b> , (sl) take the blame. ( <b>be in the can</b> , (of film, video-tape) exposed or recorded and stored ready for use. 2 (formerly US but now also GB) tin-plated airtight container for food, drink etc; contents of such a container ... 3 (US sl) prison.
<b>compulsory</b>			
that which must be done; brought about by force	that must be done; compelled or required	that must be done; required	that must be done; required
<b>dimple (n.)</b>			
a little hollow in the skin, e.g. of the face	a small hollow in the surface of the flesh (esp. in the cheeks, chin or arms) ; a slight hollow in the ground or in water (e.g. made by a breeze)	small hollow in the chin or cheek (which appears, for example, when a person smiles); slight hollow on water (made, for example, by a breeze).	small natural hollow in the chin or cheek (either permanent, or which appears eg when a person smiles); slight hollow on water (made eg by a breeze)
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>			
(no entry)	famous; well-known; showing distinction	famous; well known; remarkable; showing distinction	famous; well known; remarkable; showing distinction
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>			
to make movement difficult; ... <i>Embarass de richesse</i> ... = having too many good things	1 cause a feeling of anxiety, perplexity or confusion so that one is uncomfortable and does not know what to do or say. ... 2 prevent (movement); make difficult. ... 3 worry; hinder.	1 cause perplexity, mental discomfort, or anxiety to ... 2. hinder the movement of	1 make to feel awkward or ashamed; cause mental discomfort or anxiety to ... 2 (old use) hinder the movement of ...
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>			
feeling uncomfortable and in doubt what to say	(no definition)	(no definition)	(no definition)
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>			
(no definition)	(no definition)	(no definition)	(no definition)
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>			
(no definition)	1 embarrassing or being embarrassed; confusion of mind; the condition of being in debts 2 a thing that embarrasses; a cause of confusion or difficulty, as <i>financial embarrassments</i> .	~ing or being ~ed; ... sth that ~s	~ing or being ~ed ... sth that ~es
<b>feather (n.)</b>			
the light coverings which grow on a bird's body; any very light object like those on a bird's wing; <i>Birds of a feather</i> = people of the same kind; <i>That's a feather in his cap</i> = an honour for him; <i>To be in high feather</i> = to be in high spirits;... <i>To show the white feather</i> = to have no courage; <i>Fur and feather</i> = those animals and birds which are shot for amusement and food.	one of the light coverings that grow from a bird's skin. <b>as light as a feather</b> , very light. <b>birds of a feather</b> , people of the same sort. <b>show the white feather</b> , show that one is afraid. <b>in high (full) feather</b> , in high spirits. <b>feather bed</b> , a mattress filled with feathers. <b>feather=weight</b> , a very light thing or person (e.g. a boxer or jockey).	one of the light coverings that grow from a bird's skin: <i>as light as a ~</i> , very hard light indeed. <b>birds of a ~</b> , people of the same sort. <i>show the white ~</i> , show fear. <b>in high ~</b> , in high spirits. <b>a ~ in one's cap</b> , sth. one may justly be proud of. <b>~bed</b> ... mattress stuffed with ~s ... <b>~weight</b> (esp.) boxer weighting not more than 126 lb	one of the light coverings that grow from a bird's skin > the illus at bird, prey, rare, water. <b>a ~ in one's cap</b> , sth one may justly be proud of. <b>as light as a ~</b> very light indeed. <b>in full/high ~</b> , in high spirits. <b>birds of a ~ (flock together)</b> , people of the same sort (will be found together). <b>show the white ~</b> , show fear, <b>~bed</b> mattress stuffed with ~s.
<b>gherkin</b>			
a small long and round green	a small, green cucumber used	small, green cucumber for	small, green cucumber for

vegetable used for making pickles (= vegetables boiled in vinegar = a very sour liquid).	for pickling	pickling	pickling
<b>grout (n.)</b>			
(no entry)	(no entry)	(no entry)	(no entry)
<b>hard (adj)</b>			
<p>difficult; not soft; unkind, cruel or unjust; <i>A hard and fast rule</i> = a rule which cannot be changed; <i>A hard voice</i> = one which is not musical; <i>Hard water</i> = water with much lime in it; <i>Hard drink</i>, <i>Hard liquor</i> = strong drinks, e.g. <i>whisky</i>; <i>A hard master</i> = one who forces those under him to work too much; <i>To run hard</i> = fast; <i>Follow hard upon</i>, <i>Hard by</i> = very near to; <i>Hard put to it</i> = having great difficulty; <i>Hard of hearing</i> = not able to hear clearly; <i>To go hard with</i> = to be painful for; <i>A hard bargain</i> = an agreement which will bring little gain; <i>Hard up</i> = having no money; <i>Hard cash</i> = real money, i.e. not just a promise to pay; <i>Prices are hard</i> = are high and will not become lower; <i>Hard labour</i> = being kept in prison and made to do hard work; <i>Hard luck</i> = bad fortune.</p>	<p>1 firm; solid; not yielding easily to the touch (contrasted with <i>soft</i>). ... <b>hard cash</b>, money in the form of coin, paid promptly (contrasted with a promise to pay at some future time). <b>hard and fast</b> (rules, customs, etc.), rigid; that cannot be changed or adapted to circumstances. <b>hard water</b>, containing too much lime and therefore unsuitable for washing. <b>hard of hearing</b>, rather deaf. <b>a hard nut to crack</b>, (fig.) a difficult problem. <b>2 showing or requiring force, vigour or effort, as ... hard labour</b>, labour imposed as a punishment on some criminals. <b>hard drinking</b>, drinking (alcoholic liquors) too much and too often. <b>3 difficult; needing much ability of the mind; needing mental or moral effort, ... 4 (of the body) having hard muscles and not much fat. .... as hard as nails</b>, (1) in good physical condition; strong and muscular. (2) without sentiment or sympathy; hard-hearted. 5 severe; difficult to bear; causing pain or discomfort, as <i>the hard discipline of army life</i>; <i>to have a hard time</i> (i.e. when life is difficult; when it is difficult to make a living); <i>hard words</i> (i.e. showing unkindness, anger or lack of sympathy); <i>a hard bargain</i> (severe or unfair); <i>to be hard on a person</i> (i.e. treat him severely); <i>a hard father</i> (i.e. strict and severe); <i>to have hard luck</i> (i.e. to be unfortunate). 6 (of the weather) severe; very cold, ... 7 (of the sounds [k] and [g], contrasted with [s, tʃ, dʒ]). "C" is hard in "cat". "G" is hard in "gun" and soft in "gin". 8 (U.S.A., of drinks) containing alcohol, as <i>hard liquors</i>. (Cf. <i>soft drinks</i>).</p>	<p>1 (contrasted with <i>soft</i>) firm; not yielding to the touch; not easily cut; solid (contrasted with <i>soft</i>):...<b>a ~ nut to crack</b>, (fig.) a difficult problem; person difficult to deal with or influence. 2 difficult (to understand or explain) (contrasted with <i>easy</i>); needing mental or moral effort : ~ <i>words</i>, difficult for young learners or uneducated persons (in spelling or meaning) (cf. def. 4); ... 3 causing unhappiness, discomfort, or pain; difficult to endure: <i>have a ~ time</i>, experience difficulties, misfortunes, etc; <i>in these ~ times</i>, in these times of money shortage, unemployment, etc when life is difficult; ... (<i>learn sth</i>) <i>the ~way</i>, with perseverance and hardship. 4 severe; a ~ <i>father</i>, one who is strict and severe; <i>be ~ on a person</i>, treat him severely; ~ <i>words</i>, harsh or angry; showing lack of sympathy; ... 5 (of the body) having ~ muscles and not much fat: ... <b>as ~ as nails</b>, (a) strong and muscular. (b) (fig.) without sentiment, or sympathy; ~ hearted. 6 done, doing (sth), with much effort or force; strenuous: ... 7 (of the weather) severe: ...8 (of sounds) ... 9 (various uses) ~<b>back</b>, ~<b>cover nn</b>. book bound in a ~ (stiff) cover (contrasted with paper-backed books). Hence, ~<b>backed</b> (=covered, -<b>bound</b>) ... ~ <b>core</b> ... solid central, basic, or underlying part; nucleus. ~ <b>cash</b>, coins and notes, not a cheque or a promise to pay. ~ <b>currency</b>, one which, because of an adverse balance of trade, a country has difficulty in getting enough of. ~ <b>of hearing</b>, rather deaf. ~ <b>labour</b>, imprisonment with ~ physical labour as a punishment. ~ <b>and fast</b> (rules, etc.), that cannot be altered to fit special cases. ~ <b>luck</b>, ~ <b>lines</b>, worse fortune than is deserved. ~ <b>water</b>, containing mineral salts that interfere with the lathering of soap. ~ <b>liquor</b>, with high alcoholic content (e.g. whisky). ~ <b>headed</b> ... practical; not sentimental; business-like. ~<b>hearted</b> ... unfeeling; lacking in sympathy or the gentler emotions. ~<b>board</b> ... kind of material like plywood in appearance and use, made by compressing waste wood that has been ground up finely. ~ <b>ware</b> ... ironmongery; metal</p>	<p>1 (contrasted with <i>soft</i>) firm; not yielding to the touch; not easily cut; solid: <i>as ~ as rock</i>;...<b>a ~ nut to crack</b>, (fig.) a difficult problem; person difficult to deal with or influence. 2 (contrasted with <i>easy</i>) difficult (to understand or explain); needing mental or moral effort : ~ <i>words</i>, difficult for learners, (also &gt; 4 below) ... 3 causing unhappiness, discomfort, or pain; difficult to endure: ..., experience difficulties, misfortunes, etc; <i>in these ~ times</i>, in these times of money shortage, unemployment, etc when life is difficult; ... <b>learn (sth) the ~ way</b>, with perseverance and hardship. 4 severe; harsh: a ~ <i>father</i>, one who treats his children severely; ~ <i>words</i>, harsh, showing lack of sympathy. <b>be ~ on sb</b>, treat him severely. <b>take a ~ line</b>, be uncompromising. Hence, ~ <b>liner</b> n person who is uncompromising. &gt; line<sup>1</sup> (11). 5 (of the body) having ~ muscles and not much fat ... <b>as ~ as nails</b>, (a) strong and muscular. (b) (fig.) without sentiment, or sympathy; ~hearted. 6 done, doing (sth), with much effort or force; strenuous: ... 7 (of the weather) severe: a ~ <i>winter/frost</i>. 8 (of sounds) <i>The letter 'c' is hard in 'cat' and soft in 'city'</i>. <i>The letter 'g' is ~ in 'gun' and soft in 'gin'</i>. 9 (various uses) ~<b>and fast</b> (<b>rules, etc</b>), that cannot be altered to fit special cases. ~ <b>of hearing</b>, rather deaf. ~<b>back/ cover n</b> book bound in a ~ (=stiff) cover (contrasted with paper-backed books) ... Hence, ~<b>backed/covered/bound adj</b>. ~<b>board n</b> [U] kind of material like plywood in appearance and use, made by compressing waste wood that has been ground up finely. ~ <b>cash n</b> [U] coins and notes, not a cheque or a promise to pay. ~<b>core n</b> (a) broken brick, rubble, etc (as used for foundations, roadmaking) (b) solid, central, basic or underlying part; nucleus: ... ~ <b>court n</b> (tennis) court with a ~ surface, not of grass. ~ <b>currency n</b> one that is reliable and stable. ~ <b>drug n</b> one likely to lead to addiction, eg <i>heroin</i>. ~ <b>headed</b> ... <i>adj</i> practical; not sentimental; business-like. ~<b>hearted</b> ... <i>adj</i> unfeeling; lacking in sympathy or the gentler emotions. ~ <b>labour</b> ...</p>

		goods for domestic use, such as pans, nails, locks. ~ <b>wood</b> ... heavy wood (e.g. oak, ebony, teak, contrasted with soft wood, such as pine and fir)	imprisonment with ~ physical labour as a punishment. ~ <b>liquor</b> / <b>drink</b> ... with high alcoholic content eg <i>whisky</i> . ~ <b>luck</b> / <b>lines</b> ...worse fortune than is deserved. Hence ~ <b>luck story</b> , one seeking pity, sympathy (for oneself). ~ <b>shoulder</b> ... ~ surface at the side of a motorway, to be used in an emergency ... ~ <b>standing</b> ... area of ~ surface, eg, concrete, for parking of vehicles. ~ <b>top</b> ... car with a steel top and no sliding roof. ~ <b>ware</b> ... (a) ironmongery; metal goods for domestic use, eg <i>pans, nails, locks</i> . (b) <i>military</i> ~ware, weapons and equipment, eg armoured vehicles. (c) <i>computer</i> ~ware, mechanical equipment (contrasted with information and programmes, called <i>software</i> ). ~ <b>water</b> ... containing mineral salts that interfere with the lathering of soap ~ <b>wood</b> ... ~ heavy wood, eg <i>oak, ebony, teak</i> , contrasted with soft wood, such as pine and fir
<b>hiccup (n.)</b>			
a sudden catching of the breath – sometimes caused by eating or drinking too much or too quickly	a sudden catching of the breath; a convulsive gasp	sudden stopping of the breath with a cough-like sound	sudden stopping of the breath with a cough-like sound
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>			
(no entry)	(no entry)	(no entry)	farmer, farm-worker, etc from the mountains in the SE of the US
<b>hire (v.)</b>			
to pay for the use of a thing: <i>To hire out</i> = to let persons have the use of a thing on payment	1 employ (a person) for wages, ... obtain the use of a thing by payment to its owner, ... 2 allow others to use in return for payment	obtain or allow the use or services of in return for fixed payment ... (U.S.A.) <i>a ~d girl</i> (woman), (term formerly used for) a domestic servant (now <i>lady-help</i> ). (Cf. <i>rent a house</i> and hire a concert-hall, i.e. for a special occasion)	~ ( <b>out</b> ), obtain or allow the use or services of in return for fixed payment
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>			
to be friendly with	be on friendly terms; talk and drink together	have friendly talk, drink ( <i>with, together</i> )	have friendly social relations
<b>horde (n.)</b>			
a large disorderly crowd	1 a wandering tribe or clan ... 2 a great crowd; a multitude	1. wandering tribe (of nomads) ... 2. (usu. contemptuous) crowd; great number ... 3. multitude	1 wandering tribe (of nomads) ... 2 ... crowd; great number ... 3 multitude
<b>hormone (n.)</b>			
a material carried by the blood to different parts of the body which excites those parts to increased action	an internal secretion that passes into the blood and produces activity in one of the bodily organs	(kinds of) internal secretion that passes into the blood and stimulates the bodily organs; medical preparation made from a secretion of this kind	(kinds of) internal secretion that passes into the blood and stimulates the bodily organs; medical preparation made from a secretion of this kind
<b>inquisitive</b>			
eager to know other people's business	curious; in the habit of asking many questions (esp. about other people's affairs).	fond of, showing a fondness for, inquiring into other people's affairs	fond of, showing a fondness for, inquiring into other people's affairs
<b>instigate (v.)</b>			
to cause an act	urge on; stir up; bring about; be the cause of	incite; goad (sb. to do sth); cause (sth.) by doing this	~ <i>sth/sb to do sth</i> , incite; goad (sb to do sth); cause (sth) by doing this
<b>inscrutable</b>			
not able to be understood	that cannot be understood or known	that cannot be understood or known	that cannot be understood or known; mysterious
<b>insult (v.)</b>			
to be rude to	treat a person or thing with	speak or act in a way that hurts	speak or act in a way that hurts

	contempt or scorn; hurt the feelings of.	or is intended to hurt a person's feelings or dignity	or is intended to hurt a person's feelings or dignity
<b>loom (v.)</b>			
<i>Loom through the mist</i> = to be seen <i>dimly</i> (= not clearly) and larger than the real thing.	an internal secretion that passes into the blood and produces activity in one of the bodily organs	appear indistinctly and in a threatening way; ... appear great and fill the mind	appear in distinctly and in a threatening way; ... appear great and fill the mind
<b>loophole (n.)</b>			
a narrow hole in a wall through which men shoot; a way of escape	a narrow opening in a wall made to admit light and air or (in a fort) for firing through at the enemy; (fig.) a means of escape; a way by which a rule or law may be evaded	1. narrow vertical opening in a wall for shooting or looking through, or to admit light and air (as in old forts, stockades, etc.). 2. ... way of escape from control, esp. one provided by careless and inexact wording of a rule	1 narrow vertical opening in a wall for shooting or looking through, or to admit light an air (as in old forts, stockades, etc). 2 ... way of escape from control, esp one provided by careless and inexact wording of a rule
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>			
with one side lower than the other	hanging lower on one side than on the other	with one side lower than the other	with one side lower than the other
<b>obfuscate</b>			
(no entry)	(no entry)	darken or obscure (the mind); bewilder	darken or obscure (the mind); bewilder
<b>parrot (n.)</b>			
a bird which is able to speak	1 a tropical bird of many varieties, with a hooked bill and brightly coloured feathers. Some kinds can be trained to imitate human speech. 2 (fig.) a person who merely repeats what others say.	1. sorts of bird with a hooked bill and (usu.) brightly coloured feathers. Some kinds can be trained to imitate human speech. 2. person who repeats, often without understanding, what others say.	1 sorts of bird with a hooked bill and (usu) brightly coloured feathers, some kinds of which can be trained to imitate human speech ... 2 person who repeats, often without understanding, what others say.
<b>permission</b>			
the act of allowing	the act of allowing or permitting.	act of allowing or permitting; consent	act of allowing or permitting; consent
<b>persuade</b>			
to bring a person round to one's opinion, or get him to do as one wishes	convince; lead (a person) by argument to believe something or to think in a certain way, ... 2 cause (a person) by argument to do something.	1 ... convince (sb.) (of the truth of sth., that sth. is true, etc.) ... 2. ... cause (sb.) by reasoning (to do sth.)	1 ... ~ <b>sb that ...</b> ; ~ <b>sb of sth</b> , convince (sb) ... 2 ... cause (sb) by reasoning (to do sth) ... 3 ... ~ <b>sb into /out of (doing) sth</b> , cause sb to do/stop doing sth
<b>potential (adj.)</b>			
possible, which might be if - .	1 latent; undeveloped, but capable of coming or being brought into effective action; hidden for the time being, ... <i>potential energy</i> (=in physics, energy that may be released, e.g. that of the atom). 2 ... indicating possibility.	1. that can or may come into existence or action ...; ~ <i>energy</i> (waiting to be released; ... 2. ... ~ <i>mood</i> , indicating possibility.	1 that can or may come into existence or action ... 2 ~ <b>mood</b> ... indicating possibility.
<b>powder (n.)</b>			
any dry material broken into very small pieces; <b>gunpowder</b> , powder which explodes with force when touched with fire	1 solid material which has been reduced to very fine particles; dust. 2 medicine in the form of a powder; a special kind of powder ... 3 a cosmetic for the hair, skin or face, ... <b>powder-puff</b> a small pad of down, etc., for applying powder to the face. 4 gunpowder; any explosive powder. <b>Keep your powder dry</b> , be ready for any emergency. <b>not worth powder and shot</b> , not worth trying for. <b>powder-flask</b> , a bottle or can for carrying gunpowder. <b>powder-horn</b> , a cow's horn used as a powder-flask. <b>powder-magazine</b> a place in which explosives are stored. <b>powder-monkey</b> (formerly) a boy employed on a man-of-war to carry powder to the guns	1. ... (kind of) substance that has been crushed, rubbed, or worn to dust; special kind of this, e.g. for use on the skin (...), or as a medicine (...), for cleaning things (...), or for cooking ... ~ - <b>puff</b> soft pad used for applying ~ to the skin. ~ - <b>room</b> ladies' cloakroom (in a hotel, restaurant, theatre, etc.). 2. =gun~ (see <i>gun</i> ): <i>not worth ~ and shot</i> , not worth shooting or trying for. ~ <b>magazine</b> place where gun~ is stored. ~ <b>flask (-horn)</b> (in olden times) for carrying gun~	1 ... (kind of) substance that has been crushed, rubbed or worn to dust; special kind of this, eg for use on the skin ..., or as a medicine ..., for cleaning things ..., or for cooking ... ~ <b>puff</b> soft; pad used for applying cosmetic ~ to the skin. ~ <b>room</b> ladies' room in an hotel, restaurant, cinema, etc with wash-basins and lavatories. 2 = gunpowder > gun. <i>not worth ~ and shot</i> , not worth fighting for. ~ <b>magazine</b> place where gun~ is stored. ~ <b>flask/-horn</b> (hist) for carrying gun~.
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>			
(no entry)	(no entry)	(no entry)	star (in a galaxy) detected by pulsating radio signals only

<b>pungent (adj.)</b>			
strong smelling; sharp and painful, e.g. speech	1 (of smell or taste) causing a pricking sensation; sharp; biting. 2 (of wit, satire, remarks, etc.) keen; biting; pointed.	(of smells, tastes; fig. of remarks) sharp; biting; stinging	(of smells, tastes; fig. of remarks) sharp; biting; stinging
<b>quandary (n.)</b>			
a state of doubt or difficulty	a state of doubt, perplexity, or uncertainty; a dilemma	state of doubt or perplexity	state of doubt or perplexity
<b>rancid</b>			
(fat or oil), bad, decayed	with the smell or taste of stale, decaying fat or butter; not fresh	with the smell or taste of stale, decaying fat or butter; (of fat) having gone bad; ill smelling	with the smell or taste of stale, decaying fat or butter; (of fat) having gone bad; ill smelling
<b>rattan</b>			
(no entry)	1 a kind of climbing palm in the East Indies with long, thin, jointed, canelike stems. 2 a walking-stick or cane made from a rattan stem. 3 rattan stems used as a material in building, making furniture, etc.	1 (East Indian palm-tree with a cane-like stem. 2. ... walking – stick or cane made from a ~ stem. 3 ... ~ stems (collectively), as used for building, basketwork, furniture, etc	1 (East Indian palm-tree with a cane-like stem. 2. ... walking – stick or cane made from a ~ stem. 3 ... ~ stems (collectively), as used for building, basketwork, furniture, etc
<b>redeem (v.)</b>			
to bring back; to pay off a debt; to buy the freedom of a person; to save from the punishment of evil-doing; <i>A redeeming feature</i> = something good in a thing which is bad in all other ways	1 get back, by expending money or effort. 2 get rid of by paying a lump sum instead of an annual amount ... 3 perform, fulfil (a promise, etc.), ... 4 make up or compensate for ... 5 set free by payment; save a person's life by payment ... 6 (in Christianity) rescue from sin and its consequences.	1. get (sth.) back by payment or by doing sth. ... 2. perform (a promise or obligation). 3. set free by payment; rescue: ... (by Jesus) make free (from sin) ... 4. compensate; make amends for: <i>his ~ing feature</i> , the feature or quality that balances his faults, etc.	1. get (sth.) back by payment or by doing sth. ... 2. perform (a promise or obligation). 3. set free by payment; rescue: ... (by Jesus) make free (from sin) ... 4. compensate; make amends for: <i>his ~ing feature</i> , the feature or quality that balances his faults, etc.
<b>ski (n.)</b>			
shoes about 7 ½ feet long used for going over snow.	one of a pair of long, narrow strips of hard wood, strapped to the feet and used for moving over snow	one of a pair of long, narrow strips of wood, strapped under the feet for moving over snow	one of a pair of long, narrow strips of wood, strapped under the feet for moving over snow
<b>ski (v.)</b>			
(no definition)	move over snow on skis	move over snow on ski(s)	move over snow on ski(s)
<b>skill (n.)</b>			
that power of doing which is the result of practice	the ability to do something well; expertness	ability to do sth. expertly and well; ... particular kind of ~	ability to do sth expertly and well; ... particular kind of ~
<b>solitude (n.)</b>			
(no definition)	1 being without companions; living by oneself. 2 a lonely place; a place which is seldom visited	1. ... being without companions; solitary state ... 2. ... solitary place	1. ... being without companions; solitary state ... 2. ... lonely place
<b>steppe (n.)</b>			
(no entry)	a wide, treeless plain, esp. in Russia	level, treeless plain, esp. in Russia	level, treeless plain, esp. in Russia
<b>stifle (v.)</b>			
to prevent from breathing; <i>This room is stifling</i> = the air is too hot or too bad to breathe; <i>To stifle one's tears</i> = to try to stop or at least hide	1 ... make breathing difficult or impossible 2 (of a fire) put it out by preventing air from reaching it. 3 ... suppress; put down; keep back ... 4 ... have or give the feeling of stifling	1 ... give or have the feeling that breathing is difficult ... 2 ... suppress; put down; keep back	1 ... give or have the feeling that breathing is difficult ... 2 ... suppress; put down; keep back
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>			
too careful of money	1 unwilling to spend money; mean in money matters; miserly. 2 scanty; unnecessarily small	spending, using, or giving unwillingly; niggardly; miserly	spending, using, or giving unwillingly; niggardly; miserly
<b>stipend (n.)</b>			
fixed payment for work	a salary; a regular payment for services	(esp. clergyman's) salary	(esp. clergyman's) salary
<b>Terylene</b>			
(no entry)	(no entry)	(no entry)	(fabric made from) kinds of man-made fibre
<b>trudge (v.)</b>			
to walk as when one is very tired	walk wearily or with an effort	walk wearily or heavily	walk wearily or heavily
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>			
a brass instrument of music played with the mouth; <i>To blow one's own trumpet</i> = to say good things about oneself.	1 a musical wind instrument consisting of a long metal tube, usu. bent or coiled, having a bell-shaped mouth. The sound is	1. musical wind-instrument of brass ... 2. sound (as) of a ~. 3. sth. suggesting a ~ in shape or use.	1. musical wind instrument of brass ... 2. sound (as) of a ~. 3. sth. suggesting a ~ in shape or use (eg the corona of a daffodil).

	regulated by keys, slides, valves, etc. <b>blow one's own trumpet</b> , praise oneself. 2 something shaped like a trumpet, as <i>an ear trumpet</i> (i.e. a funnel-shaped instrument which enables deaf people to hear better). 3 a sound like that of a trumpet		
<b>wrench (n.)</b>			
an instrument for holding tight and turning things, e.g. for tightening part of a machine	1 a sudden, violent twist or pull; the pain caused by such a pull; pain caused by a sudden parting or separation ... 2 a tool for holding and turning nuts, bolts, etc.; a spanner	1 sudden and violent twist or pull ... 2 (pain caused by a) sad parting or separation ... 3 tool for gripping and turning nuts, bolts, etc.; spanner	1 sudden and violent twist or pull ... 2 (pain caused by a) sad parting or separation ... 3 tool for gripping and turning nuts, bolts, etc.; spanner

Table II. OALD (editions 4-9)

OALD4 (1989)	OALD5 (1995)	OALD6 (2000)	OALD7 (2005)	OALD8 (2010)	OALD9 (2015)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>					
1 (of conditions) wretched; hopeless ... 2 (of people, their actions or behaviour) lacking all pride; contemptible; despicable	1 terrible and without hope ... 2 without any pride or respect for yourself	1 terrible and without hope ... 2 without any pride or respect for yourself	1 terrible and without hope ... 2 without any pride or respect for yourself	1 terrible and without hope ... 2 without any pride or respect for yourself	1 terrible and without hope ... 2 without any pride or respect for yourself
<b>accuse (v.)</b>					
~sb (of sth) say that sb has done wrong, is guilty (of sth) or has broken the law	~sb (of sth) to say that sb has done sth wrong, is guilty of sth or has broken the law	to say that sb has done sth wrong or is guilty of sth	to say that sb has done sth wrong or is guilty of sth	sb (of sth) to say that sb has done sth wrong or is guilty of sth	~sb (of sth) to say that sb has done sth wrong or is guilty of sth
<b>can (n.)</b>					
1 ... metal or plastic container for holding or carrying liquids ... 2 ... (a) (also esp Brit <b>tin</b> ) sealed tin in which food or drink is preserved and sold ... (b) the contents of or amount contained in a can ... 3 <b>the can</b> ... (US sl) (a) prison. (b) lavatory. 4 (idm) <b>a can of worms (informal)</b> complicated problem. <b>carry the can</b> -> <b>CARRY. (be) in the can</b> (of a film, video-tape, etc) recorded and edited; completed and ready for use.	1 ... metal or plastic container for holding or carrying liquids ... 2 ... (a) (also esp Brit <b>tin</b> ) a sealed metal container in which food or drink is preserved and sold ... (b) the contents of a can or the amount contained in a can ... 3 <b>the can</b> ... (US sl) (a) prison. (b) the toilet. 4 <b>IDM (open up) a can of worms (informal)</b> (to create) a complicated problem. ... <b>be in the can</b> (esp of filmed or recorded material) to be completed and ready for use. <b>carry the can</b> -> <b>CARRY.</b>	a metal container in which food and drink is sold ... 2 the amount contained in a can ... 3 a metal or plastic container for holding or carrying liquids ... 4 a metal container in which liquids are kept under pressure and let out in a fine spray when you press a button on the lid ... 5 ( <b>the can</b> ) ... prison 6 ( <b>the can</b> ) ... the toilet <b>IDM a can of worms</b> ... if you open up a can of worms, you start doing sth that will cause a lot of problems and be very difficult <b>be in the can</b> ... (especially of filmed or recorded material) to be completed and ready for use	a metal container in which food and drink is sold ... 2 the amount contained in a can ... 3 a metal or plastic container for holding or carrying liquids ... 4 a metal container in which liquids are kept under pressure and let out in a fine spray when you press a button on the lid ... 5 <b>the can</b> ... prison 6 <b>the can</b> ... the toilet <b>a can of worms</b> if you open up a can of worms, you start doing sth that will cause a lot of problems and be very difficult <b>be in the can</b> (especially of filmed or recorded material) to be completed and ready for use	1 ( <i>BrE</i> also <b>tin</b> ) ... a metal container in which food and drink is sold ... 2 ... the amount contained in a can ... 3 ... a metal or plastic container for holding or carrying liquids ... 4 ... a metal container in which liquids are kept under pressure and let out in a fine spray when you press a button on the lid ... 5 <b>the can</b> ... ( <i>NAme, slang</i> ) prison 6 <b>the can</b> ... ( <i>NAme, slang</i> ) the toilet <b>IDM a can of worms (informal)</b> if you open up a <b>can of worms</b> , you start doing sth that will cause a lot of problems and be very difficult <b>be in the can (informal)</b> (especially of filmed or recorded material) to be completed and ready for use	1 ( <i>BrE</i> also <b>tin</b> ) ... a metal container in which food and drink is sold ... 2 ... the amount contained in a can ... 3 ... a metal or plastic container for holding or carrying liquids ... 4 ... a metal container in which liquids are kept under pressure and let out in a fine spray when you press a button on the lid ... 5 <b>the can</b> ... ( <i>NAme, slang</i> ) prison 6 <b>the can</b> ... ( <i>NAme, slang</i> ) the toilet <b>IDM a can of worms (informal)</b> if you open up a <b>can of worms</b> , you start doing sth that will cause a lot of problems and be very difficult <b>be in the can (informal)</b> (especially of filmed or recorded material) to be completed and ready for use
<b>compulsory</b>					
that must be done; required by the rules, etc; obligatory	that must be done; required by the rules, etc	that must be done because of a law or a rule	that must be done because of a law or a rule SYN MANDATORY	that must be done because of a law or a rule SYN mandatory	that must be done because of a law or a rule SYN mandatory
<b>dimple (n.)</b>					
a small natural hollow in the chin or cheek (either permanent, or which appears eg when a person smiles). (b) slight hollow on a surface (esp of glass or water).	a small hollow place in the flesh, esp of the chin or cheek. Dimples are either permanent, or appear eg when a person smiles	1 a small hollow place in the skin, especially in the cheek or chin ... 2 any small hollow place in a surface	to make a hollow place appear on each of your cheeks, especially by smiling	to make a hollow place appear on each of your cheeks, especially by smiling	1 a small hollow place in the skin, especially in the cheek or chin ... 2 any small hollow place in a surface
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>					
1 dignified in appearance or manner ... 2 showing remarkable	1 very successful and admired by other people ... 2 having an appearance that	1 very successful and admired by other people ... 2 having an appearance that makes sb look	1 very successful and admired by other people ... 2 having an appearance that makes sb look	1 very successful and admired by other people ... 2 having an appearance that makes sb look	1 very successful and admired by other people ... 2 having an appearance that makes sb look

qualities	makes sb look important or that makes people admire or respect them	important or that makes people admire or respect them	important or that makes people admire or respect them	important or that makes people admire or respect them	important or that makes people admire or respect them
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>					
... (a) cause (sb) to feel self-conscious, awkward or ashamed ... (b) cause mental discomfort or anxiety to (sb)	... (a) to make sb feel awkward, ashamed or SELF-CONSCIOUS ... (b) to cause difficulties for sb	1 to make sb feel shy, awkward or ashamed, especially in a social situation ... 2 to cause problems or difficulties for sb	1 to make sb feel shy, awkward or ashamed, especially in a social situation ... 2 to cause problems or difficulties for sb	1 to make sb feel shy, awkward or ashamed, especially in a social situation ... 2 ~sb to cause problems or difficulties for sb	1 to make sb feel shy, awkward or ashamed, especially in a social situation ... 2 ~sb to cause problems or difficulties for sb
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>					
(no entry)	~ ( <b>about/at sth</b> ) (of people or their behaviour) shy, awkward or ashamed	1 (of a person or their behaviour) shy, awkward or ashamed, especially in a social situation ... 2 <b>financially</b> ~ ... not having any money; in a difficult financial situation	1 (of a person or their behaviour) shy, awkward or ashamed, especially in a social situation ... 2 <b>financially</b> ~ ... not having any money; in a difficult financial situation	1 (of a person or their behaviour) shy, awkward or ashamed, especially in a social situation ... 2 <b>financially</b> ~ ( <i>informal</i> ) not having any money; in a difficult financial situation	1 (of a person or their behaviour) shy, awkward or ashamed, especially in a social situation ... 2 <b>financially</b> ~ ( <i>informal</i> ) not having any money; in a difficult financial situation
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>					
(undefined)	causing one to feel awkward, ashamed, etc	1 making you feel shy, awkward or ashamed ... 2 causing sb to look stupid, dishonest, etc.	1 making you feel shy, awkward or ashamed ... 2 causing sb to look stupid, dishonest, etc.	1 making you feel shy, awkward or ashamed ... 2 causing sb to look stupid, dishonest, etc.	1 making you feel shy, awkward or ashamed ... 2 causing sb to look stupid, dishonest, etc.
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>					
1 (a) ... embarrassing or being embarrassed ... (b) ... person or thing that embarrasses ... 2 (idm) <b>an embarrassment of riches</b> too many good things to do, choose from etc.	(a) shy, awkward or guilty feelings ... (b) ... a person or thing that embarrasses sb	1 shy, awkward or guilty feelings; a feeling of being embarrassed ... 2 ... a situation which causes problems for sb ... 3 ... a person who causes problems for another person or other people and makes them feel embarrassed <b>IDM an embarrassment of riches</b> so many good things that it is difficult to choose just one	1 shy, awkward or guilty feelings; a feeling of being embarrassed ... 2 ... a situation which causes problems for sb ... 3 ... a person who causes problems for another person or other people and makes them feel embarrassed <b>IDM an embarrassment of riches</b> so many good things that it is difficult to choose just one	1 shy, awkward or guilty feelings; a feeling of being embarrassed ... 2 ... ~ ( <b>to/for sb</b> ) a situation which causes problems for sb ... 3 ... ~( <b>to sb</b> ) a person who causes problems for another person or other people and makes them feel embarrassed	1 shy, awkward or guilty feelings; a feeling of being embarrassed ... 2 ... ~ ( <b>to/for sb</b> ) a situation which causes problems for sb ... 3 ... ~( <b>to sb</b> ) a person who causes problems for another person or other people and makes them feel embarrassed
<b>feather (n.)</b>					
1 any of the many light fringed structures that grow from a bird's skin and cover its body. -> illus. 2 (idm) ... (be) <b>a feather in one's cap</b> an achievement, etc that one can be proud of	any of the many light parts that grow from a bird's skin and cover its body. A feather has a hollow stem in the centre with fine strands growing out on either side ... <b>IDM ... (be) a feather in one's cap</b> an achievement, etc that one can be proud of	one of the many soft light parts covering a bird's body ... <b>IDM a feather in your cap</b> an action that you can be proud of	... one of the many soft light parts covering a bird's body ... <b>IDM a feather in your cap</b> an action that you can be proud of	one of the many soft light parts covering a bird's body ... <b>IDM a feather in your cap</b> an action that you can be proud of <b>ORIGIN</b> This idiom comes from the NATIVE AMERICAN custom of giving a feather to sb who had been very brave in battle	one of the many soft light parts covering a bird's body ... <b>IDM a feather in your cap</b> an action that you can be proud of <b>ORIGIN</b> This idiom comes from the NATIVE AMERICAN custom of giving a feather to sb who had been very brave in battle
<b>gherkin</b>					
small green cucumber for pickling	a small green CUCUMBER preserved in VINEGAR before being eaten	1 ( <i>BrE</i> ) ... a small CUCUMBER that has been preserved in VINEGAR before being eaten 2 ( <i>AmE</i> ) a small CUCUMBER	1 ( <i>BrE</i> ) ... a small CUCUMBER that has been preserved in VINEGAR before being eaten 2 ( <i>NAmE</i> ) a small CUCUMBER	1 ( <i>BrE</i> ) ... a small CUCUMBER that has been preserved in VINEGAR before being eaten 2 ( <i>NAmE</i> ) a small CUCUMBER	1 ( <i>BrE</i> ) ... a small CUCUMBER that has been preserved in VINEGAR before being eaten 2 ( <i>NAmE</i> ) a small CUCUMBER

<b>grout</b>					
(no entry)	a substance like MORTAR <sup>1</sup> for filling the gaps between tiles (TILE 1) on walls, etc, esp indoors	a substance that is used between the TILES on the walls of kitchens, bathrooms, etc.	a substance that is used between the TILES on the walls of kitchens, bathrooms, etc.	a substance that is used between the TILES on the walls of kitchens, bathrooms, etc.	a substance that is used between the TILES on the walls of kitchens, bathrooms, etc
<b>hard (adj)</b>					
1 not soft or yielding to the touch or easily cut; solid; firm ... 2 ~ (for sb) (to do sth) difficult to do or understand or answer; not easy ... 3 (a) requiring much effort of body or mind; tough ... (b) ... showing much effort; energetic ... (c) of or like a strict or extreme political faction ... 4 forceful; violent; harsh ... 5 causing unhappiness, discomfort or pain; difficult to endure ... <b>in these hard times</b> , ie when life is difficult because of poverty, unemployment, etc. 6 (of the weather) severe ... 7 (esp of a person) unfeeling; unsympathetic; harsh: <i>a hard father</i> , ie one who treats his children severely. 8 (of sounds or colours) unpleasant to the ear or eye; harsh ... 9 (of consonants) sounding sharp, not soft ... 10 (of drinks) strongly alcoholic ... 11 ( <i>idm</i> ) <b>be hard on sb</b> (a) treat or criticize sb severely ... (b) be unfair to sb ... <b>drive a hard bargain</b> -> <b>DRIVE1</b> , <b>hard and fast</b> (of rules, etc) that cannot be altered to fit special cases; inflexible ... ( <b>as</b> ) <b>hard as nails</b> (of a person) without sentiment or	1 firm, stiff or solid and not easily bent or broken ... 2~(for sb) (to do sth) difficult to do, understand or answer; not easy ... 3(a) requiring a lot of physical strength or mental effort ... (b) done with a lot of strength or force ... (c) (of people) putting a lot of effort, energy, etc into an activity ... 4 full of difficulty; not easy, happy or comfortable ... 5 not feeling or showing affection, pity, etc; severe; harsh ... 6 tough and determined to pursue one's own advantage regardless of others ... 7 involving a lot of aggressive discussion and argument in order to reach the best deal possible ... 8 (of the weather) severe ... 9 true and not able to be denied ... 10 (of sounds or colours) unpleasant to the ear or eye; harsh ... 11 (of consonants) sounding sharp, not soft ... 12 (of drinks) strongly alcoholic: ... ie a strong alcoholic drink, eg WHISKY. 13 (of water) containing CALCIUM and other mineral salts that are left as a layer inside pipes, etc ... 14 <b>IDM be hard on sb 1</b> to treat or criticize sb severely ... 2 to be unfair to sb/sth ...	<b>SOLID/STIFF 1</b> solid, firm or stiff and difficult to bend or break ... <b>OPP SOFT</b> <b>DIFFICULT 2 ~(for sb) (to do sth)</b> difficult to do, understand or answer ... <b>OPP EASY 3</b> full of difficulty and problems, especially because of a lack of money <b>SYN TOUGH ...</b> <b>OPP EASY</b> <b>NEEDING/USING EFFORT 4</b> needing or using a lot of physical strength or mental effort ... 5 (of people) putting a lot of effort or energy into an activity ... 6 done with a lot of strength or force ... <b>WITHOUT SYMPATHY 7</b> showing no sympathy or affection ... <b>NOT AFRAID 8 (informal)</b> (of people) ready to fight and showing no signs of fear or weakness ... <b>FACTS/EVIDENCE 9</b> ... definitely true and based on information that can be proved ... <b>WEATHER 10</b> very cold and severe ... <b>DRINK 11</b> ... strongly alcoholic ... ( <i>informal</i> ) ... - compare <b>SOFT</b> <b>DRINK WATER 12</b> containing CALCIUM and other mineral salts that make mixing with soap difficult ... <b>OPP SOFT</b> <b>CONSONANTS 13 (phonetics)</b> used to describe a letter <i>c</i> or <i>g</i> when pronounced as in 'cat' or 'go', rather than as in 'city' or 'giant' <b>OPP SOFT ...</b> <b>IDM be hard on sb/sth 1</b> to treat or criticize sb in a very severe or strict way ... 2 to be difficult for or unfair to sb/sth ... 3 to be likely to hurt or damage sth...	<b>SOLID/STIFF 1</b> solid, firm or stiff and difficult to bend or break ... <b>OPP SOFT</b> <b>DIFFICULT 2 ~(for sb) (to do sth)</b> difficult to do, understand or answer ... <b>OPP EASY 3</b> full of difficulty and problems, especially because of a lack of money <b>SYN TOUGH ...</b> <b>OPP EASY</b> <b>NEEDING/USING EFFORT 4</b> needing or using a lot of physical strength or mental effort ... 5 (of people) putting a lot of effort or energy into an activity ... 6 done with a lot of strength or force ... <b>WITHOUT SYMPATHY 7</b> showing no sympathy or affection ... <b>NOT AFRAID 8 (informal)</b> (of people) ready to fight and showing no signs of fear or weakness ... <b>FACTS/EVIDENCE 9</b> ... definitely true and based on information that can be proved ... <b>WEATHER 10</b> very cold and severe ... <b>DRINK 11</b> ... strongly alcoholic ... 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<p>sympathy; hard-hearted. <b>(as) hard as stone</b> very hard or firm ... <b>hard at it</b> working hard. <b>hard facts</b> accurate information, not expressions of opinion, etc. <b>hard going</b> difficult to understand or enjoy; boring ... <b>hard lines; hard, etc luck (on sb)</b> (<i>infml</i>) (used as an exclamation or a sympathetic comment on sb's misfortune) ... <b>a hard-luck story</b> version of events told by sb wanting sympathy. <b>a hard/tough nut to crack</b> -&gt; NUT. <b>hard of hearing</b> rather deaf ... <b>the hard/soft sell</b> -&gt; SELL n. <b>hard to take</b> difficult to accept without annoyance, grief or bitterness ... <b>the hard way</b> using the most difficult or least convenient method to do or achieve sth ... <b>make hard work of sth</b> make an activity seem more difficult than it is. <b>no hard feelings</b> no resentment or bitterness ... <b>play hard to get</b> (<i>infml</i>) try to increase one's status and desirability by not readily accepting an offer or invitation, esp from the opposite sex. <b>take a hard line (on/over sth)</b> remain fixed and uncompromising in one's attitude, policy, etc. <b>too much like hard work</b> (of an activity) too demanding or wearisome to undertake</p>	<p>3 to be likely to damage sth or spoil sth quickly ... <b>drive/strike a hard bargain</b> to argue aggressively and insist on the best possible deal or price. <b>give sb a hard time</b> to make a situation unpleasant and difficult for sb ... <b>hard and fast</b> (esp after a negative) (of rules, etc) that cannot be changed in any circumstances ... <b>(as) hard as nails</b> showing no sympathy or kindness. <b>hard at it</b> working very hard at sth ... <b>hard going</b> 1 difficult to understand or enjoy; boring ... 2 difficult to make progress ... <b>hard lines</b> (<i>Brit infml</i>) (used as an expression of sympathy) ... <b>a hard/tough nut</b> &gt; NUT. <b>hard of hearing</b> not able to hear well; rather DEAF ... <b>the hard way</b> 1 through having unpleasant experiences rather than by listening to what one is told ... 2 experiencing great difficulties ... <b>have a hard job doing / to do sth; have a hard time doing sth</b> to do sth with much difficulty ... <b>make hard work of sth</b> to use more time or energy on a task than is necessary <b>no hard feelings</b> no anger or bitterness (BITTER 3) remaining ... <b>play hard to get</b> (<i>infml</i>) to make oneself seem more attractive, etc by not immediately accepting an invitation to do sth ... <b>too much</b></p>	<p><b>drive/strike a hard bargain</b> to argue in an aggressive way and force sb to agree on the best possible price or arrangement <b>give sb a hard time</b> to deliberately make a situation difficult and unpleasant for sb ... <b>hard and fast</b> (especially after a negative) that cannot be changed in any circumstances ... <b>(as) hard as nails</b> showing no sympathy, kindness or fear <b>hard cheese</b> (<i>BrE, informal</i>) used as a way of saying that you are sorry about sth, usually in an IRONIC way (=you really mean the opposite) <b>hard going</b> difficult to understand or needing a lot of effort ... <b>hard luck / lines</b> (<i>BrE</i>) used to tell sb that you feel sorry for them ... <b>the hard way</b> by having an unpleasant experience or by making mistakes ... <b>make hard work of sth</b> to use more time or energy on a task than is necessary <b>no hard feelings</b> used to tell sb that you no longer feel any anger towards them ... <b>play hard to get</b> (<i>informal</i>) to make yourself seem more attractive or interesting by not immediately accepting an invitation to do sth <b>too much like hard work</b> needing too much effort</p>	<p><b>strike a hard bargain</b> to argue in an aggressive way and force sb to agree on the best possible price or arrangement <b>give sb a hard time</b> to deliberately make a situation difficult and unpleasant for sb ... <b>hard and fast</b> (especially after a negative) that cannot be changed in 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interesting by not immediately accepting an invitation to do sth <b>too much like hard work</b> needing too much effort.</p>	<p><b>rock and a hard place</b> in a situation where you have to choose between two things, both of which are unpleasant ... <b>drive / strike a hard bargain</b> to argue in an aggressive way and force sb to agree on the best possible price or arrangement <b>give sb a hard time</b> to deliberately make a situation difficult and unpleasant for sb ... <b>a hard / tough act to follow</b> a person who is so good or successful at sth that it will be difficult for anyone else coming after them to be as good or successful ... <b>hard and fast</b> (especially after a negative) that cannot be changed in any circumstances ... <b>(as) hard as nails</b> showing no sympathy, kindness or fear <b>hard cheese</b> (<i>BrE, informal</i>) used as a way of saying that you are sorry about sth, usually IRONICALLY (=you really mean the opposite) <b>hard going</b> difficult to 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	<b>like hard work</b> (of an activity) requiring too much effort. ...				accepting an invitation to do sth <b>take a long</b> <b>(cool/hard) look at</b> <b>sth</b> to consider a problem or possibility very carefully and without hurrying <b>too</b> <b>much like hard</b> <b>work</b> needing too much effort.
<b>hiccup (n.)</b>					
1 (a) ... sudden involuntary stopping of the breath with a sharp gulp-like sound, often recurring at short intervals ... (b) <b>hiccups</b> ... persistent repetition of these ... 2 ... temporary small problem or stoppage	1 ... a sharp, usually repeated, sound made in the throat, that is caused by a sudden movement of the DIAPHRAGM and that you cannot control ... 2 <b>(the) hiccups</b> ... a series of hiccups ... 3 ... a small problem or temporary delay	1 ... a sharp, usually repeated, sound made in the throat, that is caused by a sudden movement of the DIAPHRAGM and that you cannot control ... 2 <b>(the)</b> <b>hiccups</b> ... a series of hiccups ... 3 ... a small problem or temporary delay	1 ... a sharp, usually repeated, sound made in the throat, that is caused by a sudden movement of the DIAPHRAGM and that you cannot control ... 2 <b>(the)</b> <b>hiccups</b> ... a series of hiccups ... 3 ... a small problem or temporary delay	1 ... a sharp, usually repeated, sound made in the throat, that is caused by a sudden movement of the DIAPHRAGM and that you cannot control ... 2 <b>(the)</b> <b>hiccups</b> ... a series of hiccups ... 3 ... a small problem or temporary delay	1 ... a sharp, usually repeated, sound made in the throat, that is caused by a sudden movement of the DIAPHRAGM and that you cannot control ... 2 <b>(the)</b> <b>hiccups</b> ... a series of hiccups ... 3 ... a small problem or temporary delay
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>					
1 ... unsophisticated person from a remote rural area, esp the mountains in the south- eastern US. 2 ... folk music like that of the southern US	1 ... a person who lives in the mountains and is thought to be stupid by people who live in the towns	1 ... a person who lives in the mountains and is thought to be stupid by people who live in the towns 2 ... = COUNTRY AND WESTERN	1 ... a person who lives in the mountains and is thought to be stupid by people who live in the towns 2 ... = COUNTRY AND WESTERN	1 ... a person who lives in the mountains and is thought to be stupid by people who live in the towns	1 ... a person who lives in the mountains and is thought to be stupid by people who live in the towns
<b>hire (v.)</b>					
1 ... <b>~sth/sb</b> <b>(from sb)</b> obtain the use of sth or the services of sb temporarily and esp for a short period of time, in return for payment ... 2 ... <b>~sth (out)</b> (to sb) allow the temporary use of sth, in return for payment	1 (a) ( <i>esp Brit</i> ) to obtain the use of sth for a short time in return for payment ... (b) ( <i>esp US</i> ) to give sb a job ... (c) to employ sb for a short time to do a particular job ... 2 <b>~sth (out) (to</b> <b>sb)</b> to allow the temporary use of sth, in return for payment	to pay money to borrow sth for a short time ... 2 ... to give sb a job ... 3 to employ sb for a short time to do a particular job ... PHR V <b>hire sth out</b> to let sb use sth for a short time, in return for payment <b>hire</b> <b>yourself out (to sb)</b> to arrange to work for sb	to pay money to borrow sth for a short time ... 2 ... to give sb a job ... 3 to employ sb for a short time to do a particular job ... PHR V <b>hire sth out</b> to let sb use sth for a short time, in return for payment <b>hire</b> <b>yourself out (to sb)</b> to arrange to work for <b>sb</b>	1 <b>~sth (especially</b> <i>BrE</i> ) to pay money to borrow sth for a short time ... 2 ... <b>~(sb)</b> ( <i>especially NAmE</i> ) to give sb a job ... 3 ... <b>~sb/sth</b> to employ sb for a short time to do a particular job ... PHRV <b>hire sth out</b> to let sb use sth for a short time, in return for payment <b>hire</b> <b>yourself out (to sb)</b> to arrange to work for sb	1 <b>~sth (especially</b> <i>BrE</i> ) to pay money to borrow sth for a short time ... 2 ... <b>~(sb)</b> ( <i>especially NAmE</i> ) to give sb a job ... 3 ... <b>~sb/sth</b> to employ sb for a short time to do a particular job ... PHRV <b>hire sth out</b> to let sb use sth for a short time, in return for payment <b>hire</b> <b>yourself out (to sb)</b> to arrange to work for sb
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>					
... spend time (with sb) in a friendly way; associate (with sb)	to spend a lot of time with sb, especially sb who is rich and / or famous	to spend a lot of time with sb, especially sb who is rich and / or famous	to spend a lot of time with sb, especially sb who is rich and / or famous	to spend a lot of time with sb, especially sb who is rich and / or famous	to spend a lot of time with sb, especially sb who is rich and / or famous
<b>horde (n.)</b>					
very large group (esp of people); huge crowd; throng	a large crowd of people	a large crowd of people	a large crowd of people	a large crowd of people	a large crowd of people
<b>hormone (n.)</b>					
(a) substance produced within the body of an animal and carried by the blood to an organ which it stimulates to	a chemical substance produced in the body or in a plant that encourages growth or influences how the cells and	a chemical substance produced in the body or in a plant that encourages growth or influences how the cells and tissues function; an artificial substance that has	a chemical substance produced in the body or in a plant that encourages growth or influences how the cells and TISSUES function; an artificial substance that has	a chemical substance produced in the body or in a plant that encourages growth or influences how the cells and TISSUES function; an artificial substance that has	a chemical substance produced in the body or in a plant that encourages growth or influences how the cells and TISSUES function; an artificial substance that has

assist growth, etc; similar substance produced by a plant and transported in the sap ... (b) synthetic substance that has a similar effect	TISSUES function; an artificial substance that has similar effects	similar effects	similar effects	similar effects	similar effects
<b>instigate (v.)</b>					
cause (sth) to begin or happen; initiate	to make sth begin or happen	to make sth start or happen, usually sth official ... 2 to cause sth bad to happen	to make sth start or happen, usually sth official ... 2 to cause sth bad to happen	1 ~ <b>sth</b> ( <i>especially BrE</i> ) to make sth start or happen, usually sth official ... 2 ~ <b>sth</b> to cause sth bad to happen	1 ~ <b>sth</b> ( <i>especially BrE</i> ) to make sth start or happen, usually sth official ... 2 ~ <b>sth</b> to cause sth bad to happen
<b>insult (v.)</b>					
... speak or act in a way that hurts or is intended to hurt the feelings or dignity of (sb); be extremely rude to (sb) ...	to speak or act in a way that hurts or is intended to hurt the feelings or dignity of sb	to say or do sth that offends sb	to say or do sth that offends sb	~ <b>sb/sth</b> to say or do sth that offends sb	~ <b>sb/sth</b> to say or do sth that offends sb
<b>loom (v.)</b>					
(a) ... appear in an indistinct and often threatening way ... (b) ... appear important or threatening	1 ... to appear as a large shape that is not clear, especially in a frightening or threatening way ... 2 to appear important or threatening and likely to happen soon ... IDM <b>loom large</b> to be worrying or frightening and seem hard to avoid	1 ... to appear as a large shape that is not clear, especially in a frightening or threatening way ... 2 to appear important or threatening and likely to happen soon ... IDM <b>loom large</b> to be worrying or frightening and seem hard to avoid	1 ... to appear as a large shape that is not clear, especially in a frightening or threatening way ... 2 to appear important or threatening and likely to happen soon ... IDM <b>loom large</b> to be worrying or frightening and seem hard to avoid	1 ... to appear as a large shape that is not clear, especially in a frightening or threatening way ... 2 to appear important or threatening and likely to happen soon ... IDM <b>loom large</b> to be worrying or frightening and seem hard to avoid	1 ... to appear as a large shape that is not clear, especially in a frightening or threatening way ... 2 to appear important or threatening and likely to happen soon ... IDM <b>loom large</b> to be worrying or frightening and seem hard to avoid
<b>loophole (n.)</b>					
1 a way of escaping a rule, the terms of a contract, etc, esp one provided by vague or careless wording ... 2 narrow vertical opening in the wall of a fort, etc for looking or shooting through, or to let light and air in	a mistake in the way a law, contract, etc. has been written which enables people to legally avoid doing sth that the law, contract, etc. had intended them to do	a mistake in the way a law, contract, etc. has been written which enables people to legally avoid doing sth that the law, contract, etc. had intended them to do	a mistake in the way a law, contract, etc. has been written which enables people to legally avoid doing sth that the law, contract, etc. had intended them to do	a mistake in the way a law, contract, etc. has been written which enables people to legally avoid doing sth that the law, contract, etc. had intended them to do	a mistake in the way a law, contract, etc. has been written which enables people to legally avoid doing sth that the law, contract, etc. had intended them to do
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>					
with one side lower, smaller, etc than the other; unevenly balanced	having one side lower, smaller, etc. than the other	having one side lower, smaller, etc. than the other	having one side lower, smaller, etc. than the other	having one side lower, smaller, etc. than the other	having one side lower, smaller, etc. than the other
<b>inquisitive</b>					
(too) fond of inquiring into other people's affairs	tending to ask a lot of questions, esp about other people's affairs	1 asking too many questions and trying to find out about what other people are doing, etc. ... 2 very interested in learning about many different things	1 asking too many questions and trying to find out about what other people are doing, etc. ... 2 very interested in learning about many different things	1 asking too many questions and trying to find out about what other people are doing, etc. SYN curious ... 2 very interested in learning about many different things	1 asking too many questions and trying to find out about what other people are doing, etc. SYN curious ... 2 very interested in learning about many different things
<b>inscrutable</b>					
that cannot be understood or	that cannot be understood or	if a person or their expression is			

known; mysterious	known; mysterious	<b>inscrutable</b> , it is hard to know what they are thinking or feeling, because they do not show any emotion	<b>inscrutable</b> , it is hard to know what they are thinking or feeling, because they do not show any emotion	<b>inscrutable</b> , it is hard to know what they are thinking or feeling, because they do not show any emotion	<b>inscrutable</b> , it is hard to know what they are thinking or feeling, because they do not show any emotion
<b>obfuscate</b>					
(deliberately) make (sth) confused or difficult to understand	to make sth confused or difficult to understand, esp deliberately	to make sth less clear and more difficult to understand, usually deliberately	to make sth less clear and more difficult to understand, usually deliberately	to make sth less clear and more difficult to understand, usually deliberately SYN obscure	to make sth less clear and more difficult to understand, usually deliberately SYN obscure
<b>parrot (n.)</b>					
1 any of various types of tropical bird with hooked beaks and brightly-coloured feathers, some of which can be trained to imitate human speech ... 2 ( <i>esp derog</i> ) person who repeats sb else's words or imitates his actions without thinking.	1 any of various types of usu tropical bird with curved beaks and bright colourful feathers. Some parrots are kept as pets and can be trained to copy human speech ... 2 ( <i>esp derog</i> ) a person who repeats sb else's words or copies their actions without thinking.	a tropical bird with a curved beak. There are several types of parrot, most of which have bright feathers. Some are kept as pets and can be trained to copy human speech.	a tropical bird with a curved beak. There are several types of parrot, most of which have bright feathers. Some are kept as pets and can be trained to copy human speech.	a tropical bird with a curved beak. There are several types of parrot, most of which have bright feathers. Some are kept as pets and can be trained to copy human speech.	a tropical bird with a curved beak. There are several types of parrot, most of which have bright feathers. Some are kept as pets and can be trained to copy human speech.
<b>permission</b>					
~ ( <b>to do sth</b> ) act of allowing sb to do sth; consent ...	~ ( <b>to do sth</b> ) the action of allowing sb to do sth; CONSENT	1 ... the act of allowing sb to do sth, especially when this is done by sb in a position of authority ... 2 ... an official written statement allowing sb to do sth	1 ... the act of allowing sb to do sth, especially when this is done by sb in a position of authority ... 2 ... an official written statement allowing sb to do sth	1 the act of allowing sb to do sth, especially when this is done by sb in a position of authority ... 2 ... an official written statement allowing sb to do sth	1 the act of allowing sb to do sth, especially when this is done by sb in a position of authority ... 2 ... an official written statement allowing sb to do sth
<b>persuade</b>					
1 ... ~ <b>sb (into/out of sth)</b> cause sb to do sth by arguing or reasoning with him ... 2 ... ~ <b>sb (of sth) (fml)</b> to cause sb to believe sth; convince sb	1 ... ~ <b>sb (into sth/doing sth)</b> to lead sb to do sth through reasoning or argument ... 2 ~ <b>sb (of sth) (rather fml)</b> ... to make sb believe sth; to convince sb	1 to make sb do sth by giving them good reasons for doing it ... 2 to make sb believe that sth is true SYN convince	1 to make sb do sth by giving them good reasons for doing it ... 2 to make sb believe that sth is true SYN CONVINCED	1 to make sb do sth by giving them good reasons for doing it ... 2 to make sb believe that sth is true SYN convince	1 to make sb do sth by giving them good reasons for doing it ... 2 to make sb believe that sth is true SYN convince
<b>potential (adj.)</b>					
(a) that can or may come into existence; possible ... (b) in existence and capable of being developed or used	(a) that can or may in future develop into sth ... (b) existing and capable of being developed or used	that can develop into sth or be developed in the future SYN possible	that can develop into sth or be developed in the future SYN POSSIBLE	that can develop into sth or be developed in the future SYN possible	that can develop into sth or be developed in the future SYN possible
<b>powder (n.)</b>					
1 (a) ... (substance in the form of a) mass of fine dry particles ... (b) ... substance in this form, esp one for a special use, eg as a cosmetic or medicine ... 2 ... = GUNPOWDER (GUN). 3 (idm) <b>keep one's powder dry</b> keep in a state of readiness to cope with a possible	1 (a) a mass of very small fine dry pieces or grains ... (b) ... a substance in this form that has a particular use ... 2 ... = GUNPOWDER (GUN). ID <b>keep one's powder dry</b> to remain cautious and ready for a possible emergency	a dry mass of very small fine pieces or grains ... 2 a very fine, soft, dry substance that you can put on your face to make it look smooth and dry 3 ... = GUNPOWDER ID <b>keep your powder dry</b> ... to remain ready for a possible emergency <b>take a powder</b> ... to leave suddenly; to run away	a dry mass of very small fine pieces or grains ... 2 a very fine, soft, dry substance that you can put on your face to make it look smooth and dry 3 ... = GUNPOWDER ID <b>keep your powder dry</b> ... to remain ready for a possible emergency <b>take a powder</b> ... to leave suddenly; to run away	1 a dry mass of very small fine pieces or grains ... 2 ... a very fine, soft, dry substance that you can put on your face to make it look smooth and dry ... ID <b>keep you powder dry (old-fashioned)</b> to remain ready for a possible emergency <b>take a powder (NAME, informal)</b> to leave suddenly; to run away	1 a dry mass of very small fine pieces or grains ... 2 ... a very fine, soft, dry substance that you can put on your face to make it look smooth and dry ... ID <b>keep you powder dry (old-fashioned)</b> to remain ready for a possible emergency <b>take a powder (NAME, informal)</b> to leave suddenly; to run away

emergency					
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>					
star that cannot be seen but can be detected by pulsating radio signals	a star that cannot be seen but that sends out regular rapid radio signals	a star that cannot be seen but that sends out regular rapid radio signals	a star that cannot be seen but that sends out regular rapid radio signals	a star that cannot be seen but that sends out regular rapid radio signals	a star that cannot be seen but that sends out regular rapid radio signals
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>					
1 having a sharp or strong taste or smell ... 2 (of remarks) sharply critical; biting or caustic	1 having a strong taste or smell ... 2 direct and having a strong effect	1 having a strong taste or smell ... 2 direct and having a strong effect	1 having a strong taste or smell ... 2 direct and having a strong effect	1 having a strong taste or smell ... 2 direct and having a strong effect	1 having a strong taste or smell ... 2 direct and having a strong effect
<b>quandary (n.)</b>					
state of not being able to decide what to do; awkward or difficult situation	the state of not being able to decide what to do in a difficult situation SYN dilemma	the state of not being able to decide what to do in a difficult situation	the state of not being able to decide what to do in a difficult situation SYN DILEMMA	the state of not being able to decide what to do in a difficult situation SYN dilemma	the state of not being able to decide what to do in a difficult situation SYN dilemma
<b>rancid</b>					
1 (of fatty foods) tasting or smelling bad because of staleness ... 2 (of smells or tastes) like stale fat	(a) (of foods containing a lot of fat) tasting or smelling bad because they are old ... (b) (of smells or tastes) unpleasant, like old fat	if food containing fat is <b>rancid</b> , it tastes or smells unpleasant because it is no longer fresh	if food containing fat is <b>rancid</b> , it tastes or smells unpleasant because it is no longer fresh	if food containing fat is <b>rancid</b> , it tastes or smells unpleasant because it is no longer fresh	if food containing fat is <b>rancid</b> , it tastes or smells unpleasant because it is no longer fresh
<b>rattan</b>					
1 ... (long thin cane-like stem of an) E Indian palm. 2 ... walking-stick or cane made from a rattan stem. 3 ... rattan stems used for weaving baskets, furniture, chair seats, etc.	a climbing plant found esp in Malaysia. It has long thin stems that are used for making furniture, etc.	a SE Asian climbing plant with long thin strong STEMS used especially for making furniture	a SE Asian climbing plant with long thin strong STEMS used especially for making furniture	a SE Asian climbing plant with long thin strong STEMS used especially for making furniture	a SE Asian climbing plant with long thin strong STEMS used especially for making furniture
<b>redeem (v.)</b>					
1 (a) ... buy back sth by paying the required sum; recover sth ... (b) ... pay off (eg a debt); clear ... (c) ... convert (bonds, shares, etc) into cash or goods ... 2 ... keep (a promise); fulfil ... 3 ... (a) obtain the freedom of sb, esp by payment; rescue sb ... (b) ... (of Christ) free or save (mankind) from sin. 4 ... (a) make up for faults or deficiencies in (sth); compensate for ... (b) save (sb / sth / oneself) from blame; vindicate	1 to make sb / sth seem less bad SYN COMPENSATE FOR ... 2 ~ <b>yourself</b> to do sth to improve the opinion that people have of you, especially after you have done sth bad ... 3 ... (in Christianity) to save sb from the power of evil ... 4 ... to pay the full sum of money that you owe sb; to pay a debt ... 5 ... to exchange sth such as shares or VOUCHERS for money or goods ... 6 ... to get back a valuable object from sb by paying them back the money you borrowed from them in exchange for the object ... 7 ~ <b>a pledge</b> /	1 to make sb / sth seem less bad SYN COMPENSATE FOR ... 2 ~ <b>yourself</b> to do sth to improve the opinion that people have of you, especially after you have done sth bad ... 3 (in Christianity) to save sb from the power of evil ... 4 ... to pay the full sum of money that you owe sb; to pay a debt ... 5 to exchange sth such as shares or VOUCHERS for money or goods ... 6 to get back a valuable object from sb by paying them back the money you borrowed from them in exchange for the object ... 7 ~ <b>a pledge</b> / <b>promise</b> to do what you have promised to do	1 to make sb / sth seem less bad SYN COMPENSATE FOR ... 2 ~ <b>yourself</b> to do sth to improve the opinion that people have of you, especially after you have done sth bad ... 3 (in Christianity) to save sb from the power of evil ... 4 ... to pay the full sum of money that you owe sb; to pay a debt ... 5 to exchange sth such as shares or VOUCHERS for money or goods ... 6 to get back a valuable object from sb by paying them back the money you borrowed from them in exchange for the object ... 7 ~ <b>a pledge</b> / <b>promise</b> to do what you will do	1 to make sb / sth seem less bad SYN compensate for ... 2 ~ <b>yourself</b> to do sth to improve the opinion that people have of you, especially after you have done sth bad ... 3 (in Christianity) to save sb from the power of evil ... 4 ... to pay the full sum of money that you owe sb; to pay a debt ... 5 to exchange sth such as shares or VOUCHERS for money or goods ... 6 to get back a valuable object from sb by paying them back the money you borrowed from them in exchange for the object ... 7 ~ <b>a pledge</b> / <b>promise</b> to do what you will do	1 to make sb / sth seem less bad SYN compensate for ... 2 ~ <b>yourself</b> to do sth to improve the opinion that people have of you, especially after you have done sth bad ... 3 (in Christianity) to save sb from the power of evil ... 4 ... to pay the full sum of money that you owe sb; to pay a debt ... 5 to exchange sth such as shares or VOUCHERS for money or goods ... 6 to get back a valuable object from sb by paying them back the money you borrowed from them in exchange for the object ... 7 ~ <b>a pledge</b> / <b>promise</b> to do what you will do

	<b>promise ... to do</b> what you have promised that you will do				
<b>ski (n.)</b>					
either of a pair of long narrow strips of wood, plastic, etc fixed to a person's boots so that he can glide smoothly over snow	either of a pair of long narrow strips of wood, plastic, etc fixed to a person's boots so that he or she can move smoothly over snow	1 one of a pair of long narrow pieces of wood, metal or plastic that you attach to boots so that you can move smoothly over snow ... 2 = WATERSKI	1 one of a pair of long narrow pieces of wood, metal or plastic that you attach to boots so that you can move smoothly over snow ... 2 = WATERSKI	1 one of a pair of long narrow pieces of wood, metal or plastic that you attach to boots so that you can move smoothly over snow ... 2 = WATERSKI	1 one of a pair of long narrow pieces of wood, metal or plastic that you attach to boots so that you can move smoothly over snow ... 2 = WATERSKI
<b>ski (v.)</b>					
move over snow on skis, esp as a sport	to move over snow on skis, esp as a sport	1 to move over snow on skis, especially as a sport 2 ( <b>go skiing</b> ) to spend time skiing for pleasure	1 to move over snow on skis, especially as a sport 2 <b>go skiing</b> to spend time skiing for pleasure	1 to move over snow on skis, especially as a sport 2 <b>go skiing</b> to spend time skiing for pleasure	1 to move over snow on skis, especially as a sport 2 <b>go skiing</b> to spend time skiing for pleasure
<b>skill (n.)</b>					
~ ( <b>at sth/doing sth</b> ) ability to do sth well ... 2 ... particular type of skill	1 ~ ( <b>at/in sth / doing sth</b> ) the ability to do sth well ... 2 ... a specific skill or a particular type of skill	1 the ability to do sth well ... 2 a particular ability or type of ability	1 the ability to do sth well ... 2 a particular ability or type of ability	1 the ability to do sth well ... 2 ... a particular ability or type of ability	1 the ability to do sth well ... 2 ... a particular ability or type of ability
<b>solitude (n.)</b>					
(state or quality of) being alone without companions; solitary state	the state or situation of being alone without companions	the state of being alone, especially when you find this pleasant	the state of being alone, especially when you find this pleasant SYN PRIVACY	the state of being along, especially when you find this pleasant SYN privacy	the state of being along, especially when you find this pleasant SYN privacy
<b>steppe (n.)</b>					
flat grassy plain with few trees, esp in SE Europe and Siberia	a large area of land with grass but few trees, especially in SE Europe and Siberia	a large area of land with grass but few trees, especially in SE Europe and Siberia	a large area of land with grass but few trees, especially in SE Europe and Siberia	a large area of land with grass but few trees, especially in SE Europe and Siberia	a large area of land with grass but few trees, especially in SE Europe and Siberia
<b>stifle (v.)</b>					
1 ... feel or make (sb) unable to breathe (easily) because of lack of fresh air; suffocate ... 2 ... extinguish (a fire); put out ... 3 ... suppress (sth); restrain	1 ... to prevent sth from happening; to prevent a feeling from being expressed SYN suppress ... 2 ... to feel unable to breathe, or to make sb unable to breathe, because it is too hot and / or there is no fresh air SYN suffocate	1 ... to prevent sth from happening; to prevent a feeling from being expressed ... 2 to feel unable to breathe, or to make sb unable to breathe, because it is too hot and / or there is no fresh air	1 ... to prevent sth from happening; to prevent a feeling from being expressed ... 2 to feel unable to breathe, or to make sb unable to breathe, because it is too hot and / or there is no fresh air SYN SUFFOCATE	1 ... to prevent sth from happening; to prevent a feeling from being expressed SYN suppress ... 2 to feel unable to breathe, or to make sb unable to breathe, because it is too hot and / or there is no fresh air SYN suffocate	1 ... to prevent sth from happening; to prevent a feeling from being expressed SYN suppress ... 2 to feel unable to breathe, or to make sb unable to breathe, because it is too hot and / or there is no fresh air SYN suffocate
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>					
spending, using or giving unwillingly; mean	not given or giving willingly; not generous, especially with money SYN mean	not given or giving willingly; not generous, especially with money	not given or giving willingly; not generous, especially with money SYN MEAN	not given or giving willingly; not generous, especially with money SYN mean	not given or giving willingly; not generous, especially with money SYN mean
<b>stipend (n.)</b>					
official income (esp of a clergyman); salary	an amount of money that is paid regularly to sb, especially a priest, as wages or money to live on	an amount of money that is paid regularly to sb, especially a priest, as wages or money to live on	an amount of money that is paid regularly to sb, especially a priest, as wages or money to live on	an amount of money that is paid regularly to sb, especially a priest, as wages or money to live on	an amount of money that is paid regularly to sb, especially a priest, as wages or money to live on
<b>Terylene</b>					
(fabric made from a) type of synthetic fibre	a synthetic fabric used esp for making clothes	a light strong artificial fabric, used for making clothes, etc.	a light strong artificial material, used for making clothes, etc.	a light strong artificial material, used for making clothes, etc.	(no entry)

<b>trudge (v.)</b>					
... walk slowly or with difficulty because one is tired, on a long journey, etc	to walk slowly or with difficulty because one is tired, on a long journey, etc	to walk slowly or with heavy steps, because you are tired or carrying sth heavy	to walk slowly or with heavy steps, because you are tired or carrying sth heavy	to walk slowly or with heavy steps, because you are tired or carrying sth heavy	to walk slowly or with heavy steps, because you are tired or carrying sth heavy
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>					
1 brass musical instrument with a bright ringing tone ... 2 thing shaped like a trumpet, esp the open flower of a daffodil ...	1 a brass musical instrument played by blowing. It consists of a curved metal tube that becomes wider at the end, and has three valves (VALVE 3) for varying the notes ... 2 a thing shaped like a trumpet, esp the open flower of a DAFFODIL	1 a BRASS musical instrument made of a curved metal tube that you blow into, with three VALVES for changing the note ... 2 a thing shaped like a trumpet, especially the open flower of a DAFFODIL	1 a BRASS musical instrument made of a curved metal tube that you blow into, with three VALVES for changing the note ... 2 a thing shaped like a trumpet, especially the open flower of a DAFFODIL	1 a BRASS musical instrument made of a curved metal tube that you blow into, with three VALVES for changing the note ... 2 a thing shaped like a trumpet, especially the open flower of a DAFFODIL	1 a BRASS musical instrument made of a curved metal tube that you blow into, with three VALVES for changing the note ... 2 a thing shaped like a trumpet, especially the open flower of a DAFFODIL
<b>wrench (n.)</b>					
1 ... sudden and violent twist or pull ... 2 painful parting or separation ... 3 ... = SPANNER	1 ... a sudden and violent twist or pull ... 2 an act of leaving sb/sth that causes one pain or distress ... 3 a type of SPANNER that can be adjusted to grip and turn nuts (NUT 2) of different sizes.	1 ... a metal tool with a specially shaped end for holding and turning things, including one which can be adjusted to fit objects of different sizes, also called a MONKEY WRENCH or an ADJUSTABLE SPANNER ... 2 pain or unhappiness that you feel when you have to leave a person or place that you love ... 3 a sudden and violent twist or pull	1 ... a metal tool with a specially shaped end for holding and turning things, including one which can be adjusted to fit objects of different sizes, also called a MONKEY WRENCH or an ADJUSTABLE SPANNER ... 2 pain or unhappiness that you feel when you have to leave a person or place that you love ... 3 a sudden and violent twist or pull	1 ... a metal tool with a specially shaped end for holding and turning things, including one which can be adjusted to fit objects of different sizes, also called a MONKEY WRENCH or an ADJUSTABLE SPANNER ... 2 pain or unhappiness that you feel when you have to leave a person or place that you love ... 3 a sudden and violent twist or pull	a metal tool with a specially shaped end for holding and turning things, including one which can be adjusted to fit objects of different sizes, also called a MONKEY WRENCH or an ADJUSTABLE SPANNER ... 2 pain or unhappiness that you feel when you have to leave a person or place that you love ... 3 a sudden and violent twist or pull

Table III. LDOCE

LDOCE1 (1978)	LDOCE2 (1987)	LDOCE3 (1995)	LDOCE4 (2003)	LDOCE5 (2009)	LDOCE6 (2014)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>					
1 (of condition) as low as possible; deserving great pity ... 2 (esp. of people or behaviour) not deserving respect; showing lack of self-respect	1 (of a condition) as low as possible; pitiful; WRETCHED ... 2 (esp. of people or behaviour) showing lack of self-respect; very HUMBLE	1 <b>abject poverty / misery / failure etc</b> the state of being extremely poor, unhappy, unsuccessful etc 2 an abject action or expression shows that you feel very ashamed	1 <b>abject poverty / misery / failure etc</b> the state of being extremely poor, unhappy, unsuccessful etc 2 an abject action or expression shows that you feel very ashamed	1 <b>abject poverty / misery / failure etc</b> the state of being extremely poor, unhappy, unsuccessful etc 2 an abject action or expression shows that you feel very ashamed	1 <b>abject poverty / misery / failure etc</b> the state of being extremely poor, unhappy, unsuccessful etc 2 an abject action or expression shows that you feel very ashamed
<b>accuse (v.)</b>					
to charge (someone) with doing wrong or breaking the law; blame	to charge (someone) with doing wrong or breaking the law	to say that someone is guilty of a crime or of doing something bad ... <b>stand accused of</b> (=be officially accused of a serious offence)	to say that you believe someone is guilty of a crime or of doing something bad	to say that you believe someone is guilty of a crime or of doing something bad	to say that you believe someone is guilty of a crime or of doing something bad
<b>can (n.)</b>					
1 a usu. round metal container with an open top or removable lid and sometimes with handles, used for holding milk, coffee, oil, waste, ashes, etc. 2 <i>esp. AmE</i> a closed metal container in which foods are preserved with air; TIN 3 <i>esp. AmE</i> also <b>canful</b> ... – the contents of such a container ... 4 <i>s/</i> prison; JAIL; CLINK (esp. in the phr. <b>in the can</b> ) 5 <b>carry the can</b> <i>infnl esp. BrE</i> to take the blame ... 6 <b>in the can</b> <i>infnl</i> (of films) completed; ready for showing to the public	1 ... a closed metal container in which foods are preserved without air; TIN1 (2) ... 2 ... a usu. round metal container with an open top or removable lid and sometimes with handles, used for holding milk, oil, waste, ashes, etc. ... 3 ...also <b>canful</b> ... the contents of a can 4 ... <i>s/</i> a prison <b>b</b> <i>AmE</i> a TOILET 5 <b>in the can</b> <i>infnl</i> (of films) completed and ready for showing 6 <b>can of worms</b> a very difficult situation which was hidden before	1 a metal container in which food or drink is preserved without air ... 2 a special metal container that keeps the liquid inside it under pressure, releasing it as a SPRAY2(1) when you press the button on the lid ... 3 ... a metal container with a lid that can be removed, used for holding liquid ... 4 <b>can of worms</b> a very complicated situation that causes a lot of problems when you start to deal with it ... 5 <b>in the can</b> <i>infnl</i> a film that is in the can is complete and ready to be shown 6 <b>the can</b> <i>slang a</i> ) a prison <b>b</b> ) <i>AmE</i> a toilet	1 a metal container in which food or drink is preserved without air ... 2 a special metal container that keeps the liquid inside it under pressure. The liquid is released as a SPRAY when you press the button ... 3 a metal container with a lid that can be removed, used for holding liquid ... 4 <b>can of worms</b> a very complicated situation that causes a lot of problems when you start to deal with it ... 5 <b>in the can</b> a film that is in the can is complete and ready to be shown 6 <b>the can</b> a) a prison b) ... a toilet	1 a metal container in which food or drink is preserved without air ... 2 a special metal container that keeps the liquid inside it under pressure. The liquid is released as a SPRAY when you press the button ... 3 a metal container with a lid that can be removed, used for holding liquid ... 4 <b>can of worms</b> a very complicated situation that causes a lot of problems when you start to deal with it ... 5 <b>in the can</b> a film that is in the can is complete and ready to be shown 6 <b>the can</b> a) a prison b) ... a toilet	1 a metal container in which food or drink is preserved without air ... 2 a special metal container that keeps the liquid inside it under pressure. The liquid is released as a SPRAY when you press the button ... 3 ... a metal container with a lid that can be removed, used for holding liquid ... 4 <b>can of worms</b> a very complicated situation that causes a lot of problems when you start to deal with it ... 5 <b>in the can</b> a film that is in the can is complete and ready to be shown 6 <b>the can</b> a) a prison b) ... a toilet ... 7 <b>cans</b> ... HEADPHONES
<b>compulsory</b>					
put into force by the law, orders, etc.	which must be done by law, by orders, etc; OBLIGATORY	something that is compulsory must be done because it is the law or because someone in authority orders you to; OBLIGATORY	something that is compulsory must be done because it is the law or because someone in authority orders you to; = mandatory	something that is compulsory must be done because it is the law or because someone in authority orders you to	something that is compulsory must be done because it is the law or because someone in authority orders you to
<b>dimple (n.)</b>					
little hollow place on the skin, esp. one formed in the cheek when a person smiles	a small hollow place on the skin, esp. one formed in the cheek when a person smiles	a small hollow place on your cheek or chin, especially one that forms when you smile	a small hollow place on your skin, especially one on your cheek or chin when you smile 2 a small hollow place in a surface	1 a small hollow place on your skin, especially one on your cheek or chin when you smile 2 a small hollow place in a surface	1 a small hollow place on your skin, especially one on your cheek or chin when you smile 2 a small hollow place in a surface
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>					
marked by excellent quality or deserved fame	having excellent quality or great fame and respect	1 very successful and therefore respected and admired ... 2 someone who has a distinguished	1 successful, respected, and admired ... 2 dressed in neat and	1 successful, respected, and admired ... 2 dressed in neat and	1 successful, respected, and admired ... 2 dressed in neat and

		appearance looks important in a way that makes you respect and admire them	attractive clothes that are worn by adults, not looking like a young person	attractive clothes that are worn by adults, not looking like a young person	attractive clothes that are worn by adults, not looking like a young person
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>					
1 ... to cause to feel ashamed or socially uncomfortable ... 2 to cause to feel anxious about money	1 ... to cause to feel anxious and uncomfortable, esp. in a social situation; make SELF-CONSCIOUS ... 2 <i>fm</i> to cause to have difficulties with money	1 to make someone feel anxious, ashamed, or uncomfortable, especially in a social situation ... 2 to do something that causes problems for a government, political organization, or politician	1 to make someone feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable, especially in front of other people ... 2 to do something that causes problems for a government, political organization, or politician, and makes them look bad	1 to make someone feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable, especially in front of other people ... 2 to do something that causes problems for a government, political organization, or politician, and makes them look bad	1 to make someone feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable, especially in front of other people ... 2 to do something that causes problems for a government, political organization, or politician, and makes them look bad
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>					
(no definition)	(no definition)	1 ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable in a social situation ... 2 <b>financially embarrassed</b> having no money or having debts	1 feeling nervous and uncomfortable and worrying about what people think of you, for example because you have to talk or sing in public, or because you have made a silly mistake ... 2 <b>financially embarrassed</b> having no money or having debts	1 feeling uncomfortable or nervous and worrying about what people think of you, for example because you have made a silly mistake, or because you have to talk or sing in public ... 2 <b>financially embarrassed</b> having no money or having debts	1 feeling uncomfortable or nervous and worrying about what people think of you, for example because you have made a silly mistake, or because you have to talk or sing in public ... 2 <b>financially embarrassed</b> having no money or having debts
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>					
(no definition)	(no definition)	making you feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable	making you feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable	making you feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable	making you feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>					
1 ... <b>a</b> the act of EMBARRASSing <b>b</b> the state of being EMBARRASsed (1) 2 ... a difficulty about money ... 3 ... a person or thing that EMBARRASses ...	(no definition)	1 the feeling you have when you are embarrassed ... 2 an event that causes a government, political organization etc problems ... 3 ... someone who behaves in a way that makes you feel ashamed and uncomfortable ... 4 <b>financial embarrassment</b> debts or a lack of money that causes problems for you 5 <b>embarrassment of riches</b> so many good things that it is difficult to decide which one you want	1 the feeling you have when you are embarrassed ... 2 an event that causes a government, political organization etc problems, and makes it look bad ... 3 someone who behaves in a way that makes you feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable ... 4 <b>financial embarrassment</b> debts or a lack of money that causes problems for you 5 <b>an embarrassment of riches</b> so many good things that it is difficult to decide which one you want	1 the feeling you have when you are embarrassed ... 2 an event that causes a government, political organization etc problems, and makes it look bad ... 3 someone who behaves in a way that makes you feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable ... 4 <b>financial embarrassment</b> debts or a lack of money that causes problems for you 5 <b>an embarrassment of riches</b> so many good things that it is difficult to decide which one you want	1 the feeling you have when you are embarrassed ... 2 an event that causes a government, political organization etc problems, and makes it look bad ... 3 someone who behaves in a way that makes you feel ashamed, nervous, or uncomfortable ... 4 <b>financial embarrassment</b> debts or a lack of money that causes problems for you 5 <b>an embarrassment of riches</b> so many good things that it is difficult to decide which one you want
<b>feather (n.)</b>					
1 one of the many parts of the covering which grows on a bird's body, each of	1 any of the many parts of the covering which grows on a bird's body, each of	1 one of the things that cover a bird's body, consisting of a stem with soft hairs growing on either side ... <b>feather</b>	1 one of the light soft things that cover a bird's body ... 2 <b>a feather in your cap</b>	1 one of the light soft things that cover a bird's body ... 2 <b>a feather in your cap</b>	1 one of the light soft things that cover a bird's body ... 2 <b>a feather in your cap</b>

which has a stiff rod-like piece in the middle, with soft hair-like material growing from it on each side – see picture at BIRD 2 a <b>feather in one's cap</b> a deserved honour that one is proud of ... 3 <b>as light as a feather</b> with almost no weight; very light 4 <b>birds of a feather</b> people of the same (often bad) kind 5 <b>in high/good feather</b> (of a person) in good spirits and condition ... 6 <b>show the white feather</b> to show fear; seem cowardly	which has a stiff rod-like piece in the middle, with soft hair-like material growing from it on each side ... 2 a <b>feather in someone's cap</b> an honour that someone can be justly proud of ... 3 <b>make the feathers/fur/sparks fly</b> ... to cause a quarrel or fight	<b>bed/pillow etc</b> (=a bed etc that is filled with feathers) 2 a <b>feather in your cap</b> something you have done that you should be proud of	something you have done that you should be proud of	something you have done that you should be proud of	something you have done that you should be proud of
<b>gherkin</b>					
a small green vegetable which is usually eaten after being PICKLED in VINEGAR (=kept in a sour liquid); type of CUCUMBER	a small green vegetable (a type of CUCUMBER) which is usually eaten after being kept in VINEGAR	a small type of CUCUMBER that has been preserved in VINEGAR	a small type of CUCUMBER that has been preserved in VINEGAR to make a type of PICKLE	a small type of CUCUMBER that has been preserved in VINEGAR to make a type of PICKLE	a small type of CUCUMBER that has been preserved in VINEGAR to make a type of PICKLE
<b>grout (n.)</b>					
(no entry)	(no entry)	(no entry)	a mixture of sand and water that you spread between TILES when you fix them to a wall	a mixture of sand and water that you spread between TILES when you fix them to a wall	a mixture of sand, water and CEMENT or LIME that you spread between TILES when you fix them to a wall
<b>hard (adj)</b>					
1 ... firm and stiff; which cannot easily be broken, or pressed down, or bent, etc.... – opposite <b>soft</b> 2 ... difficult (to do or understand). ... – opposite <b>easy</b> 3 ... a forceful: ... <b>b</b> needing or using force of body or mind: ... 4 ... (esp. before a noun meaning a person and ending in <i>-er</i> ) who puts great effort into the stated activity: ... HARD <sup>2</sup> (1). ... 5 [B] full of difficulty and trouble: ... 6 ... (of people, punishments, etc.) not gentle (to); showing no kindness (to): ... 7 ... very cold; very bad (of seasons	1 firm and stiff; difficult or impossible to break, press down, or bend: ... – opposite <b>soft</b> 2 ... difficult to do or understand: ... – opposite <b>easy</b> 3 a using force: ... <b>b</b> needing force or effort of body or mind: ... 4 ... putting great effort into the stated activity; DILIGENT ... 5 full of difficulty and trouble; not pleasant: ... 6 [(on)] (of people, punishments, etc) not gentle; showing no kindness; severe: ... <i>She drives a hard bargain.</i> (=makes agreements to her own advantage but not necessarily to	1 FIRM TO TOUCH 1 firm and stiff, and difficult to press down, break, or cut ... 2 DIFFICULT 2 difficult to do or understand ... <b>be hard to come by</b> (=be difficult to get or find) ... <b>the hardest hard to come by</b> (=be difficult to get or find) ... 3 <b>hard to tell/say</b> difficult to know... 4 <b>find sth hard to believe</b> to think that something is probably not true ... 5 <b>hard to take</b> difficult to accept or believe ... 3 INVOLVING WORK AND EFFORT 6 > A LOT OF EFFORT using or involving a lot of mental or physical effort ... 7 <b>hard going a)</b> difficult to do and needing a lot of effort <b>b)</b> boring ... 8 <b>too much like hard work</b> used to say that you do not want to do something because it will	1 FIRM TO TOUCH firm, stiff, and difficult to press down, break, or cut ≠ soft ... 2 DIFFICULT difficult to do or understand SYN difficult ≠ easy ... <i>Permanent jobs are hard to come by</i> (=difficult to find or get). ... have a hard time doing sth (=be difficult for someone to do something) ... <i>Such criticism was hard to take</i> (=difficult to accept). ... 3 WORK/EFFORT ... using or involving a lot of mental or physical effort ... 4 FULL OF PROBLEMS a situation or time that is hard is one	1 FIRM TO TOUCH firm, stiff, and difficult to press down, break, or cut OPP soft ... 2 DIFFICULT difficult to do or understand SYN difficult OPP easy ... <i>Permanent jobs are hard to come by</i> (=difficult to find or get). ... have a hard time doing sth (=be difficult for someone to do something) ... <i>Such criticism was hard to take</i> (=difficult to accept). ... 3 WORK/EFFORT [usually before noun] using or involving a lot of mental or physical effort ... 4 FULL OF PROBLEMS a situation or time that is hard is one	1 FIRM TO TOUCH firm, stiff, and difficult to press down, break, or cut OPP soft ... 2 DIFFICULT difficult to do or understand SYN difficult OPP easy ... <i>Permanent jobs are hard to come by</i> (=difficult to find or get). ... have a hard time doing sth (=be difficult for someone to do something) ... <i>Such criticism was hard to take</i> (=difficult to accept). ... 3 WORK/EFFORT [usually before noun] using or involving a lot of mental or physical effort ... 4 FULL OF PROBLEMS a situation or time that is hard is one

<p>and events in relation to weather) <b>8</b> ... (in English pronunciation): <b>a</b> (of the letter c) pronounced as k rather than <b>b</b> (of the letter g) pronounced as /g/ rather than /dʒ/: ... <b>9</b> ... (of water) which contains lime preventing soap from mixing properly with the water –opposite <b>soft 10</b> ... (of a drug) being one on which a user can become dependent in such a way that he is ill when he does not take it –opposite <b>soft 11</b> ... based on or looking for facts; firm: ... <b>12</b> ... unpleasant to the senses, esp. because too bright or too loud: ... <b>13 be hard on</b> to wear (something) out easily or quickly: ... <b>14 do (something) the hard way</b> to learn by experience, not by teaching; act alone and with difficulty <b>15 drive a hard bargain</b> to be firm in making an agreement most profitable to oneself <b>16 play hard to get</b> to pretend lack of interest in something/someone so that the person concerned will persuade one: ... <b>17 take (some/a few) hard knocks</b> to have difficulties <b>18 take a hard look (at)</b> to examine in order to make improvements (to some old thing, plan, etc)</p>	<p>anyone else's) <b>7</b> (of seasons and weather) very cold; severe: ... –opposite <b>mild 8 not tech</b> (in English pronunciation): <b>a</b> (of the letter c) pronounced as /k/ rather than /s/ <b>b</b> (of the letter g) pronounced as /g/ rather than /dʒ/: ... <b>9</b> (of water) containing minerals that prevent soap from mixing properly with the water –opposite <b>soft 10</b> ... (of a drug) considered dangerous and /or <b>ADDICTIVE</b> to users –opposite <b>soft 11</b> ... based on what is clearly true or can be proved: ... <b>12 be hard on</b> to wear (something) out easily or quickly: ... <b>13 do something the hard way</b> to learn by difficult experience, not by being taught <b>14 take (some/a few) hard knocks</b> to have painful experiences, bad luck, difficulties, etc.</p>	<p>be too much effort <b>9 make hard work of</b> to make something you are trying to do seem more difficult than it really is <b>10 hard-earned/hard-won</b> achieved after a lot of effort <b>11 be hard at it informal</b> to be very busy doing something ... <b>4 FULL OF PROBLEMS</b> <b>12</b> a period of time that is hard is one when you do not have enough money and have a lot of problems: <b>times are hard</b> ... <b>13 have a hard life</b> to have many problems and not have much money or comfort ... <b>14 it's hard on /for sb</b> used to say that a situation causes a lot of problems and difficulties for someone ... <b>5 UNKIND</b> <b>15</b> showing no feelings or sympathy ... <b>16 be hard on</b> to treat someone in a way that that [!] is unfair, unkind, or too strict ... <b>17 a hard taskmaster / master</b> someone who makes people work too hard <b>18 &gt; STRONG/NOT AFRAID informal</b> strong, ready to fight, and not afraid of anyone or anything ... <b>19 a hard case informal</b> a strong and violent person <b>6 USING FORCE</b> <b>20</b> using force ... <b>7 UNFORTUNATE</b> <b>21 &gt; FEEL SORRY FOR SB hard luck</b> also <b>hard lines</b> <i>BrE spoken</i> used to tell someone that you feel sorry for them <b>22 hard cheese especially BrE spoken used to tell someone that you do not feel sorry for them <b>23 hard-luck story</b> a story you tell someone to make them feel sorry for you <b>8 OTHER MEANINGS</b> <b>24 give sb a hard time informal a)</b> to deliberately make someone feel uncomfortable or embarrassed ... <b>b)</b> to criticize someone a lot ... <b>25 be hard on sth a)</b> to have a bad effect on something ... <b>26 no hard feelings spoken used to tell someone who you have been arguing with that you do not feel anger towards them any more <b>27 as hard as nails</b> not feeling any emotions, especially fear or sympathy <b>28 learn/do sth the hard way</b> to learn</b></b></p>	<p>a lot of problems, especially when you do not have enough money ... <i>He had clearly fallen on hard times</i> (=did not have much money). <b>5 be hard on sb a)</b> to criticize someone in a way that is unfair, or to be too strict with them ... <b>b)</b> to have a bad effect on someone ... <b>6 be hard on sth</b> to have a bad effect on something ... <b>7 do sth the hard way</b> to learn, achieve, or do something after a bad experience or by making mistakes ... <b>8 USING FORCE</b> using a lot of force ... <b>9 hard evidence / facts / information etc</b> facts that are definitely true and can be proved ... <b>10 UNKIND</b> showing no sympathetic or gentle feelings ... <b>11 hard going a)</b> difficult to do and needing a lot of effort ... <b>b)</b> boring, or difficult to deal with, talk to etc ... <b>12 make hard work of sth</b> to make something you are doing seem more difficult than it really is ... <b>13 be hard at it/work informal</b> to be very busy doing something ... <b>14 WATER</b> hard water contains a lot of minerals, and does not mix easily with soap <b>≠ soft 15 hard luck a)</b> <i>BrE spoken</i> used to tell someone that you feel sorry for them because they have not succeeded in what they were trying to do ... <b>b)</b> when bad things happen to you that are not your fault ... <b>c)</b> <i>spoken</i> also hard cheese <i>BrE</i> used to say that you do not care if someone is having problems, does not like something etc.</p>	<p>in which you have a lot of problems, especially when you do not have enough money ... <i>He had clearly fallen on hard times</i> (=did not have much money). <b>5 be hard on sb a)</b> to criticize 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<b>hiccup (n.)</b>					
1 a movement in the chest which stops the breath and causes one to make a sudden sharp sound 2 the sound made by this movement	1 (a sudden sharp sound caused by) a movement in the chest which stops the breath ... 2 ... a small delay or interruption	1 ... a sudden, quick, movement of your DIAPHRAGM (1) that happens repeatedly and uncontrollably for a short time ... 2 a small problem or delay	1 ... a sudden repeated stopping of the breath, usually caused by eating or drinking too fast ... 2 a small problem or delay	1 ... a sudden repeated stopping of the breath, usually caused by eating or drinking too fast ... 2 a small problem or delay	1 ... a sudden repeated stopping of the breath, usually caused by eating or drinking too fast ... 2 a small problem or delay
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>					
a farmer or someone from a small country place	a farmer or someone from a mountain area far from a town	an insulting word meaning an uneducated person who lives in the mountains	an insulting word meaning an uneducated poor person who lives in the mountains	an insulting word meaning an uneducated poor person who lives in the mountains	an insulting word meaning an uneducated poor person who lives in the mountains
<b>hire (v.)</b>					
<b>1</b> to get the use of (something) for a special occasion on payment of a sum of money <b>2</b> ... to employ (someone) for a time for payment	1 <i>esp. BrE</i> to get the use of (something) for a special occasion or a limited time on payment of a sum of money ... <b>2 a</b> to employ (someone) for a short time or for a particular purpose ... <b>b esp. AmE</b> to employ or appoint to a job ... <b>hire sthg./sbdy. out</b> ...1 to give the use of (something) for payment ... 2 to give the use of (oneself or one's services) for payment	<b>1</b> ... to pay money to borrow something for a period of hours or days; LET1 (11), RENT1 (3) ... <b>2 a</b> ) to employ someone for a short time to do a job for you ... <b>b</b> ) ... to employ someone: <b>hire and fire</b> (=employ and dismiss people) <b>hire sth out</b> ... <b>1</b> to allow someone to use something for a short time in exchange for money; RENT1 (3) ... <b>2 hire yourself out</b> to arrange to work for someone	<b>1</b> to pay money to borrow something for a short period of time ... <b>2 a</b> ) to employ someone for a short time to do a particular job ... <b>b</b> ) to employ someone ... <b>hire sth out 1</b> to allow someone to borrow something for a short time in exchange for money ... <b>2 hire yourself out</b> to arrange to work for someone	1 to pay money to borrow something for a short period of time ... 2 a) to employ someone for a short time to do a particular job ... b) to employ someone ... <b>hire sth out 1</b> to allow someone to borrow something for a short time in exchange for money ... <b>2 hire yourself out</b> to arrange to work for someone	1 to pay money to borrow something for a short period of time ... 2 a) to employ someone for a short time to do a particular job ... b) to employ someone ... <b>hire sth out 1</b> to allow someone to borrow something for a short time in exchange for money ... <b>2 hire yourself out</b> to arrange to work for someone
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>					
to have a (pleasant) social relationship, as expressed in drinking together, talking and friendly behaviour	to have a (pleasant) social relationship, often with someone in a higher social position	to spend time talking to people who are in a higher social position than you	to spend time talking to people who are in a higher social position than you	to spend time talking to people who are in a higher social position than you	to spend time talking to people who are in a higher social position than you
<b>horde (n.)</b>					
1 ... a large number or crowd ... 2 ... (in history) a large wandering group of people of a certain	a large moving crowd, esp. one that is noisy or disorderly	a large crowd moving in a noisy uncontrolled way	a large crowd moving in a noisy uncontrolled way	a large crowd moving in a noisy uncontrolled way	a large crowd moving in a noisy uncontrolled way

nationality, esp. a fighting one					
<b>hormone (n.)</b>					
any of several substances directed from organs of the body into the bloodstream so as to influence growth, development, etc.	any of several substances directed from organs of the body into the blood so as to influence growth, development, etc.	a chemical substance produced by your body that influences your body's growth, development and condition	a chemical substance produced by your body that influences its growth, development, and condition	a chemical substance produced by your body that influences its growth, development, and condition	a chemical substance produced by your body that influences its growth, development, and condition
<b>inquisitive</b>					
(of people and their acts) of a type which tries to find out (too many) details about things and people	<i>often derog</i> (of a person or their behaviour) trying to find out (too many) details about things and people	<b>1</b> asking too many questions and trying to find out too many details about something or someone ... <b>2</b> interested in a lot of different things and wanting to find out more about them	<b>1</b> asking too many questions and trying to find out too many details about something or someone ... <b>2</b> interested in a lot of different things and wanting to find out more about them	<b>1</b> asking too many questions and trying to find out too many details about something or someone ... <b>2</b> interested in a lot of different things and wanting to find out more about them	<b>1</b> asking too many questions and trying to find out too many details about something or someone ... <b>2</b> interested in a lot of different things and wanting to find out more about them
<b>instigate (v.)</b>					
<b>1</b> ... to start (something happening) by one's action ... <b>2</b> ... to cause to act usu. wrongly, esp. by forceful speech	<i>fml</i> <b>1</b> to start (something happening) by one's action; be responsible for starting ... <b>2</b> ... to cause (someone else) to act usu. wrongly, esp. by forceful speech; INCITE	<b>1</b> to start something such as a legal process or an official inquiry ... <b>2</b> to start trouble by persuading someone to do something bad	to make a process start, especially one relating to law or politics ... <b>2</b> to persuade someone <b>[!]</b> do something bad or violent	to make a process start, especially one relating to law or politics ... <b>2</b> to persuade someone to do something bad or violent	to make a process start, especially one relating to law or politics ... <b>2</b> to persuade someone to do something bad or violent
<b>inscrutable</b>					
(of people and their acts) whose meaning is hidden or hard to find out; mysterious	very difficult to understand; whose meaning or way of thinking is not at all clear; mysterious	someone who is inscrutable shows no emotion or reaction in the expression on their face so that it is impossible to know what they are feeling or thinking	someone who is inscrutable shows no emotion or reaction in the expression on their face so that it is impossible to know what they are feeling or thinking	someone who is inscrutable shows no emotion or reaction in the expression on their face so that it is impossible to know what they are feeling or thinking	someone who is inscrutable shows no emotion or reaction in the expression on their face so that it is impossible to know what they are feeling or thinking
<b>insult (v.)</b>					
to do something to offend, by speech or act	to be rude to or treat with lack of respect; offend	to say or do something that is rude and offensive to someone	<b>1</b> to offend someone by saying or doing something they think is rude ... <b>2</b> <b>insult sb's intelligence</b> to say or do something that suggests you think someone is stupid	<b>1</b> to offend someone by saying or doing something they think is rude ... <b>2</b> <b>insult sb's intelligence</b> to say or do something that suggests you think someone is stupid	<b>1</b> to offend someone by saying or doing something they think is rude ... <b>2</b> <b>insult sb's intelligence</b> to say or do something that suggests you think someone is stupid
<b>loom (v.)</b>					
<b>1</b> ... to come into sight without a clear form, esp. in a way that appears very large and unfriendly, causing fear ... <b>2</b> ... to appear great and very worrying in the mind	<b>1</b> ... to come into sight without a clear form, esp. so as to seem very large and threatening, causing fear ... <b>2</b> <b>loom large</b> to seem great and cause worry or other strong feeling	<b>1</b> ... to appear as a large unclear shape, especially in a threatening way ... <b>2</b> if a problem or difficulty looms, it is likely to happen very soon ... <b>3</b> <b>loom large</b> to seem important, worrying, and difficult to avoid	<b>1</b> ... to appear as a large unclear shape, especially in a threatening way ... <b>2</b> if a problem or difficulty looms, it is likely to happen very soon ... <b>3</b> <b>loom large</b> to seem important, worrying, and difficult to avoid	<b>1</b> ... to appear as a large unclear shape, especially in a threatening way ... <b>2</b> if a problem or difficulty looms, it is likely to happen very soon ... <b>3</b> <b>loom large</b> to seem important, worrying, and difficult to avoid	<b>1</b> ... to appear as a large unclear shape, especially in a threatening way ... <b>2</b> if a problem or difficulty looms, it is likely to happen very soon ... <b>3</b> <b>loom large</b> to seem important, worrying, and difficult to avoid
<b>loophole (n.)</b>					
<b>1</b> a small or narrow opening in a wall, esp. one from which arrows	a way of escaping or avoiding something, esp. one provided by a	a small mistake in a law that makes it possible to avoid doing something that the law is supposed to	a small mistake in a law that makes it possible to avoid doing something	a small mistake in a law that makes it possible to avoid doing something	a small mistake in a law that makes it possible to avoid doing something

may be shot in a castle 2 a way of escaping or avoiding something, esp. one provided by a rule or agreement written without enough care	rule or agreement written without enough care	make you do	that the law is supposed to make you do	that the law is supposed to make you do	that the law is supposed to make you do
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>					
having one side heavier or lower than the other; not balanced	having one side heavier or lower than the other; not properly balanced	1 having one side that is lower or heavier than the other ... 2 unequal or uneven in a way that seems unfair	1 having one side that is lower or heavier than the other ... 2 unequal or uneven, especially in an unfair way	1 having one side that is lower or heavier than the other ... 2 unequal or uneven, especially in an unfair way	1 having one side that is lower or heavier than the other ... 2 unequal or uneven, especially in an unfair way
<b>obfuscate</b>					
to confuse; make difficult to understand	to confuse or make difficult to understand, perhaps intentionally	to deliberately make something unclear or difficult to understand	to deliberately make something unclear or difficult to understand	to deliberately make something unclear or difficult to understand	to deliberately make something unclear or difficult to understand
<b>parrot (n.)</b>					
1 any of a large group of birds, usu. native to tropical countries, having a curved beak and usu. brightly coloured feathers. Some kinds of these birds can be taught to copy human speech – see picture at EXOTIC 2 usu. <i>derog</i> a person who repeats, often without understanding, the words or actions of another	1 any of a large group of usu. tropical birds that have a curved beak and usu. brightly coloured feathers. Some of these birds can be taught to copy human speech. 2 usu <i>derog</i> a person who copies, often without understanding, the words or actions of another 3 <b>parrot fashion</b> usu <i>derog</i> by means of continuous repeating, but usu. without real understanding	1 a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly coloured feathers that can be taught to copy human speech 2 <b>parrot fashion</b> ... repeating what someone has just said without understanding it	1 a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly coloured feathers that can be taught to copy human speech 2 <b>parrot fashion</b> ... if you learn something parrot fashion, you repeat what someone has just said without understanding it	1 a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly coloured feathers that can be taught to copy human speech 2 <b>parrot fashion</b> ... if you learn something parrot fashion, you repeat what someone has just said without understanding it	1 a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly coloured feathers that can be taught to copy human speech 2 <b>parrot fashion</b> ... if you learn something parrot fashion, you repeat what someone has just said without understanding it
<b>permission</b>					
an act of PERMITting; agreement; CONSENT	an esp. formal act of allowing; written or spoken agreement; CONSENT ...	an act of officially allowing someone to do something ... <b>with your permission</b> ... (=used to politely ask someone for permission to do something)	when someone is officially allowed to do something	when someone is officially allowed to do something	if you have permission to do something, you are officially allowed to do it
<b>persuade</b>					
1 ... to cause to feel certain; CONVINCe ... 2 ... to cause to do something by reasoning, arguing, begging, etc.	1 (into, out of) to make (someone) willing to do something by reasoning, arguing, repeatedly asking, etc ... 2 [(of) <i>rather fml</i> ] to cause to believe or feel certain; CONVINCe ...	1 to make someone decide to do something, especially by repeatedly asking them or telling them reasons why they should do it ... 2 to make someone believe something or feel sure about something; CONVINCe	1 to make someone decide to do something, especially by giving them reasons why they should do it, or asking them many times to do it ... 2 to make someone believe something or feel sure about something = convince	1 to make someone decide to do something, especially by giving them reasons why they should do it, or asking them many times to do it ... 2 to make someone believe something or feel sure about something SYN convince	1 to make someone decide to do something, especially by giving them reasons why they should do it, or asking them many times to do it ... 2 to make someone believe something or feel sure about something SYN convince
<b>potential (adj.)</b>					
existing in possibility; not at present active or developed, but able to become so	that may happen or become so, although not actually existing at present	a potential customer, problem, effect etc is not a customer, problem etc yet, but may become one in the future	likely to develop into a particular type of person or thing in the future = possible	likely to develop into a particular type of person or thing in the future SYN possible	likely to develop into a particular type of person or thing in the future SYN possible

powder (n.)					
1 ... (a kind of) substance in the form of very fine dry grains ... 2 ... a pleasant-smelling, often flesh-coloured substance in this form, for use on the skin ... 3 ... (a small measured amount of a) medicine in this form ... 4 ... explosive material in this form, esp. gunpowder 5 <b>keep one's powder dry</b> to be carefully prepared for battle, or for dealing with an opponent	1 ... (a) substance in the form of extremely small grains ... 2 ... a pleasant-smelling, often flesh-coloured substance in this form, for use on the skin ... 3 ... a medicine in the form of powder 4 ... GUNPOWDER	1 a dry substance in the form of very small grains ... <b>milk/custard etc powder</b> (=food that is stored as a powder and which you add water to in order to make it back into a liquid) 2 <b>take a powder</b> ... to leave a place quickly, especially to avoid a difficult situation ... 3 <b>a powder keg</b> a dangerous situation or place where violence or trouble could suddenly start ... 4 <b>powder snow</b> snow consisting of extremely small pieces	1 a dry substance in the form of very small grains ... 2 ... also <b>face powder</b> a type of powder that you put on your face in order to make it look smoother and to give it more colour ... 3 <b>a powder keg</b> a dangerous situation or place where violence or trouble could suddenly start. 4 <b>powder snow</b> dry light snow ... 5 ... GUNPOWDER 6 <b>keep your powder dry</b> to wait calmly until you see how a situation develops before deciding what to do	1 a dry substance in the form of very small grains ... 2 ... also <b>face powder</b> a type of powder that you put on your face in order to make it look smoother and to give it more colour ... 3 <b>a powder keg</b> a dangerous situation or place where violence or trouble could suddenly start. 4 <b>powder snow</b> dry light snow ... 5 ... GUNPOWDER 6 <b>keep your powder dry</b> to wait calmly until you see how a situation develops before deciding what to do	1 a dry substance in the form of very small grains ... 2 ... also <b>face powder</b> a type of powder that you put on your face in order to make it look smoother and to give it more colour ... 3 <b>a powder keg</b> a dangerous situation or place where violence or trouble could suddenly start. 4 <b>powder snow</b> dry light snow ... 5 ... GUNPOWDER 6 <b>keep your powder dry</b> to wait calmly until you see how a situation develops before deciding what to do
pulsar (n.)					
a type of star that often cannot be seen, but is known to exist because of the regular radio signals that it gives out	a star-like object that usu. cannot be seen, but is known to exist because of the regular radio signals that it gives out	an object that is far away in space and like a star, that produces a regular radio signal	an object like a star that is far away in space and produces RADIATION and RADIO WAVES	an object like a star that is far away in space and produces RADIATION and RADIO WAVES	an object like a star that is far away in space and produces RADIATION and RADIO WAVES
pungent (adj.)					
1 having a strong, sharp, stinging taste or smell, that may or may not seem unpleasant 2 (of speech or writing) producing a sharp direct effect that attracts interest or expresses an unfavourable opinion	1 (of a taste or smell) strong, sharp, and stinging ... 2 (of speech or writing) producing a sharp direct effect	1 a pungent taste or smell is strong and sharp ... 2 ... pungent remarks or writing criticizes something in a very direct and clever way	1 having a strong taste or smell ... 2 ... pungent speech or writing is clever and direct, and usually criticizes someone or something strongly	1 having a strong taste or smell ... 2 ... pungent speech or writing is clever and direct, and usually criticizes someone or something strongly	1 having a strong taste or smell ... 2 ... pungent speech or writing is clever and direct, and usually criticizes someone or something strongly
quandary (n.)					
a state of difficulty and inability to decide; feeling of not knowing what to do	a feeling of not knowing what to do	<b>be in a quandary (about / over)</b> to be unable to decide what to do about a difficult problem or situation	a difficult situation or problem, especially one in which you cannot decide what to do	a difficult situation or problem, especially one in which you cannot decide what to do	a difficult situation or problem, especially one in which you cannot decide what to do
rancid					
(of oily food or its taste or smell) not fresh; (tasting or smelling) unpleasant	(of oily food or its taste or smell) not fresh; tasting or smelling unpleasant	fatty food that is rancid smells or tastes unpleasant because it is no longer fresh	oily or fatty food that is rancid smells or tastes unpleasant because it is no longer fresh	oily or fatty food that is rancid smells or tastes unpleasant because it is no longer fresh	oily or fatty food that is rancid smells or tastes unpleasant because it is no longer fresh
rattan					
1 ... a type of tropical plant with a strong stem that is easily bent 2 ... a walking-stick made from the stem of this plant 3 ... these stems used for making baskets, furniture, etc.	(no entry)	the plant from which WICKER furniture is made	the plant used to make WICKER furniture	the plant used to make WICKER furniture	the plant used to make WICKER furniture
redeem (v.)					
1 to buy or gain the freedom of,	1 to carry out; fulfil ... 2 to make	1 ... to make something less bad ... <b>redeeming</b>	1 ... to make something less	1 ... to make something less	1 ... to make something less

esp. (in the Christian religion) the freedom from evil ... 2 ... to regain with money (what was given in exchange for money ... 3 to carry out; fulfil	free of blame or bring back into favour ... 3 to make (something bad) slightly less bad ... 4 ... to buy back (something one has given in return for being lent money ... 5 ... to buy or gain (someone's) freedom	<b>feature</b> (= the one good thing about someone or something that is unpleasant) ... 2 to free someone from the power of evil, especially in the Christian religion ... 3 <b>redeem yourself</b> to do something that will improve what other people think of you, after you have behaved badly or failed ... 4 <b>redeem a promise / pledge / obligation etc</b> ... to do what you promised to do ... 5 ... to exchange a piece of paper representing an amount of money for the money that is worth ... 6 ... to buy something back which you had left with someone in order to borrow money from them	bad; = <b>make up for ... redeeming quality / feature etc</b> (= the one good thing about an unpleasant person or thing) ... 2 <b>redeem yourself</b> to do something that will improve what other people think of you, after you have behaved badly or failed ... 3 ... to exchange a piece of paper representing an amount of money for that amount of money or for goods equal in cost to that amount of money ... 4 ... to free someone from the power of evil, especially in the Christian religion 5 <b>redeem a promise / pledge</b> ... to do what you promised to do ... 6 ... to buy back something which you left with someone you borrowed money from	bad; = <b>make up for ... redeeming quality / feature etc</b> (= the one good thing about an unpleasant person or thing) ... 2 <b>redeem yourself</b> to do something that will improve what other people think of you, after you have behaved badly or failed ... 3 ... to exchange a piece of paper representing an amount of money for that amount of money or for goods equal in cost to that amount of money ... 4 ... to free someone from the power of evil, especially in the Christian religion 5 <b>redeem a promise / pledge</b> ... to do what you promised to do ... 6 ... to buy back something which you left with someone you borrowed money from	bad; = <b>make up for ... redeeming quality / feature etc</b> (= the one good thing about an unpleasant person or thing) ... 2 <b>redeem yourself</b> to do something that will improve what other people think of you, after you have behaved badly or failed ... 3 ... to exchange a piece of paper representing an amount of money for that amount of money or for goods equal in cost to that amount of money ... 4 ... to free someone from the power of evil, especially in the Christian religion 5 <b>redeem a promise / pledge</b> ... to do what you promised to do ... 6 ... to buy back something which you left with someone you borrowed money from
<b>ski (n.)</b>					
either of a pair of long thin narrow pieces of wood, plastic, or metal curving up in front, for fastening to a boot for travelling (often in sports) on snow	1 either of a pair of long thin narrow pieces of wood, plastic, or metal curving up in front, that are fastened to boots and used for travelling on snow 2 a RUNNER (3) shaped like a ski on a small motor vehicle, skibob, or SKI PLANE	1 one of a pair of long thin narrow pieces of wood or plastic that you fasten to your boots and use for moving on snow 2 a piece of strong material shaped like a ski under a small vehicle so that it can travel on the snow	1 one of a pair of long thin narrow pieces of wood or plastic that you fasten to your boots and use for moving on snow or on water ... 2 a long thin narrow piece of strong material, fastened under a small vehicle so that it can travel on snow	1 one of a pair of long thin narrow pieces of wood or plastic that you fasten to your boots and use for moving on snow or on water ... 2 a long thin narrow piece of strong material, fastened under a small vehicle so that it can travel on snow	1 one of a pair of long thin narrow pieces of wood or plastic that you fasten to your boots and use for moving on snow or on water ... 2 a long thin narrow piece of strong material, fastened under a small vehicle so that it can travel on snow
<b>ski (v.)</b>					
to go on SKIs for travel or sport	to go on skis for sport or as a means of travel	to move on skis for sport or in order to travel on snow	to move on skis for sport or in order to travel on snow or water	to move on skis for sport or in order to travel on snow or water	to move on skis for sport or in order to travel on snow or water
<b>skill (n.)</b>					
(a use of) practical knowledge and power; ability to do something (well)	(a) special ability to do something well, esp. as gained by learning and practice	an ability to do something well, especially because you have learned and practised it.	an ability to do something well, especially because you have learned and practised it.	an ability to do something well, especially because you have learned and practised it	an ability to do something well, especially because you have learned and practised it
<b>solitude (n.)</b>					
the quality or state of being alone away from companionship	<i>fml</i> the state of being alone away from companionship	the state of being alone especially when this is what you enjoy	when you are alone, especially when this is what you enjoy	when you are alone, especially when this is what you enjoy	when you are alone, especially when this is what you enjoy
<b>steppe (n.)</b>					
a large area of land without trees, esp. that belonging to Russia and covering parts of Europe and Asia	a large area of land without trees, esp. that in Russia and parts of Asia and southeast Europe	a large area of land without trees, especially an area in Russia, parts of Asia, and south east Europe	a large areas of land without trees, especially in Russia, Asia, and eastern Europe	a large areas of land without trees, especially in Russia, Asia, and eastern Europe	a large areas of land without trees, especially in Russia, Asia, and eastern Europe

<b>stifle (v.)</b>					
to (cause to) stop breathing properly ... 2 ... to prevent from happening or continuing	1 ... to (cause to) be unable to breathe comfortably, esp. because of heat and lack of fresh air ... 2 ... to prevent from happening or developing	1 ... to stop someone from breathing or be unable to breathe comfortably, especially because the air is too hot or not fresh ... 2 ... to stop something from happening or developing ... 3 ... to stop a feeling from being expressed	1 ... to stop something from happening or developing ... 2 ... to stop a feeling from being expressed ... 3 ... if you are stifled by something, it stops you breathing comfortably	1 ... to stop something from happening or developing ... 2 ... to stop a feeling from being expressed ... 3 ... if you are stifled by something, it stops you breathing comfortably	1 ... to stop something from happening or developing ... 2 ... to stop a feeling from being expressed ... 3 ... if you are stifled by something, it stops you breathing comfortably
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>					
having or showing unwillingness to give, esp. money	having or showing unwillingness to give esp. money; mean	1 ... not generous, especially with money, when you can easily afford to be ... 2 a stingy amount of something, especially food, is too small to be enough	1 ... not generous, especially with money; = <b>mean</b> ... 2 a stingy amount of something, especially food, is too small	1 ... not generous, especially with money; = <b>mean</b> ... 2 a stingy amount of something, especially food, is too small	1 ... not generous, especially with money; = <b>mean</b> ... 2 a stingy amount of something, especially food, is too small
<b>stipend (n.)</b>					
money paid for professional work, esp. to a priest	money paid regularly for professional duties, esp. to a priest	an amount of money paid regularly to someone such as a priest or student as wages or money to live on	an amount of money paid regularly to someone, especially a priest, as a salary or as money to live on	an amount of money paid regularly to someone, especially a priest, as a salary or as money to live on	an amount of money paid regularly to someone, especially a priest, as a salary or as money to live on
<b>Terylene</b>					
(made of) a type of man-made cloth	a man-made cloth similar to nylon	a light strong artificial cloth	a light strong artificial cloth	a light strong artificial cloth	a light strong artificial cloth
<b>trudge (v.)</b>					
to walk with heavy steps, slowly and with effort	to walk with heavy steps, slowly and with effort	to walk with slow heavy steps, especially because you are tired	to walk with slow heavy steps, especially because you are tired or it is difficult to walk	to walk with slow heavy steps, especially because you are tired or it is difficult to walk	to walk with slow heavy steps, especially because you are tired or it is difficult to walk
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>					
1 a brass wind instrument consisting of a long metal tube curved round once or twice and ending in a bell, played by pressing 3 buttons on top of the tube in various combinations ... 2 something shaped like the bell-shaped end of this ... 3 the loud cry of an elephant 4 <b>blow one's own trumpet</b> to praise oneself	1 a brass musical instrument consisting of a long metal tube curved round once or twice and widening out at the end, played by blowing ... 2 the loud cry of an elephant	1 a musical instrument that you blow into, which consists of a curved metal tube that is wide at the end with three buttons to change the note 2 ... the loud noise that an ELEPHANT makes	a musical instrument that you blow into, which consists of a curved metal tube that is wide at the end, and three buttons you press to change the notes	a musical instrument that you blow into, which consists of a curved metal tube that is wide at the end, and three buttons you press to change the notes	a musical instrument that you blow into, which consists of a curved metal tube that is wide at the end, and three buttons you press to change the notes
<b>wrench (n.)</b>					
1 an act of twisting and pulling 2 damage to a joint of the body by twisting ... 3 painful grief at a separation ... 4 <i>AmE</i> SPANNER <i>b BrE</i> a SPANNER with jaws whose distance apart may be changed	1 an act of twisting and pulling something hard and perhaps violently 2 damage to a joint of the body by twisting ... 3 something, esp. a separation, that causes great suffering of the mind or very painful feelings ... 4 <i>AmE for</i> SPANNER <i>b BrE</i> a SPANNER with jaws that can be	1 ... a strong feeling of sadness that you get when you leave a person or place that you love ... 2 ... a twisting movement that pulls something violently ... 3 a) a metal tool with a round end that fits over and turns nuts (NUT <sup>1</sup> (2)); SPANNER ... b) especially <i>AmE</i> also <b>monkey wrench</b> a tool that you can use to hold or turn nuts (NUT <sup>1</sup> (2)) that are different sizes; adjustable spanner <i>BrE</i>	a metal tool that you use for turning NUTS = spanner ... 2 a strong feeling of sadness that you get when you leave a person or place that you love ... 3 a twisting movement that pulls something violently	a metal tool that you use for turning NUTS SYN spanner ... 3 a strong feeling of sadness that you get when you leave a person or place that you love ... 4 a twisting movement that pulls something violently	a metal tool that you use for turning NUTS SYN spanner ... 3 a strong feeling of sadness that you get when you leave a person or place that you love ... 4 a twisting movement that pulls something violently

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Table IV. COBUILD (editions 1-6)

COBUILD1 (1987)	COBUILD2 (1995)	COBUILD3 (2001)	COBUILD4 (2003)	COBUILD5 (2006)	COBUILD6 (2010)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>					
1 <b>Abject</b> is used to emphasize how very shameful or depressing a situation, state, or quality is. ... 2 Someone who is <b>abject</b> shows no self-respect, courage, or pride; used showing disapproval ... used of people's actions or behaviour	1 You use <b>abject</b> to emphasize that a situation or quality is shameful or depressing. ... 2 If you describe someone as <b>abject</b> , you think they have no self-respect or courage	1 You use <b>abject</b> to emphasize that a situation or quality is extremely bad. ... 2 If you describe someone as <b>abject</b> , you think they have no courage or respect for themselves.	1 You use <b>abject</b> to emphasize that a situation or quality is extremely bad.	You use <b>abject</b> to emphasize that a situation or quality is extremely bad.	You use <b>abject</b> to emphasize that a situation or quality is extremely bad.
<b>accuse (v.)</b>					
1 If you <b>accuse</b> someone of doing something 1.1 you say that they have done something wrong or bad. 1.2 you formally say, especially in a court of law, that they have committed a particular crime. 2 If someone <b>stands accused</b> of something, 2.1 they are held responsible and blamed for doing something wrong or bad. 2.2 they have been formally charged with a crime	1 If you <b>accuse</b> someone of doing something wrong or dishonest, you say or tell them that you believe that they did it. ... 2 If you <b>are accused</b> of a crime, a witness or someone in authority states or claims that you did it, and you may be formally charged with it and put on trial. ... 3 See also <b>accused</b> , <b>accusing</b> . 4 If someone <b>stands accused</b> of something, they have been accused of it.	1 If you <b>accuse</b> someone of doing something wrong or dishonest, you say or tell them that you believe that they did it. ... 2 If you <b>are accused</b> of a crime, a witness or someone in authority states or claims that you did it, and you may be formally charged with it and put on trial. ... 4 If someone <b>stands accused</b> of something, they have been accused of it.	1 If you <b>accuse</b> someone of doing something wrong or dishonest, you say or tell them that you believe that they did it. ... 2 If you <b>are accused</b> of a crime, a witness or someone in authority states or claims that you did it, and you may be formally charged with it and put on trial. ... 4 If someone <b>stands accused</b> of something, they have been accused of it.	1 If you <b>accuse</b> someone of doing something wrong or dishonest, you say or tell them that you believe that they did it. ... 2 If you <b>are accused</b> of a crime, a witness or someone in authority states or claims that you did it, and you may be formally charged with it and put on trial. ... 4 If someone <b>stands accused</b> of something, they have been accused of it.	1 If you <b>accuse</b> someone of doing something wrong or dishonest, you say or tell them that you believe that they did it. ... 2 If you <b>are accused</b> of a crime, a witness or someone in authority states or claims that you did it, and you may be formally charged with it and put on trial. ... 4 If someone <b>stands accused</b> of something, they have been accused of it.
<b>can (n.)</b>					
5 A <b>can</b> is a metal container in which something such as food, drink, paint, etc is put. The container is usually sealed so that the contents remain fresh for a long time ... 7 If you have to <b>carry the can</b> , you have to take all the blame for something that has happened; an informal expression in British English. 8 If you say that something such as a job that you are doing is <b>in the can</b> , you mean that it is completely finished; an informal expression. 9 In informal American English, the <b>can</b> is 9.1 prison ... 9.2 the toilet	1 A <b>can</b> is a metal container in which something such as food, drink, or paint is put. The container is usually sealed to keep the contents fresh. ... 4 If you have to <b>carry the can</b> , you have to take all the blame for something; used mainly in informal British English. ... 5 If you say that something such as a job that you are doing is <b>in the can</b> , you mean that it is completely finished; an informal expression.	1 A <b>can</b> is a metal container in which something such as food, drink, or paint is put. The container is usually sealed to keep the contents fresh. ... 3 <b>The can</b> is the toilet. ... 6 If you have to <b>carry the can</b> , you have to take all the blame for something. ... 7 If you say that something such as a job that you are doing is <b>in the can</b> , you mean that it is completely finished.	1 A <b>can</b> is a metal container in which something such as food, drink, or paint is put. The container is usually sealed to keep the contents fresh. ... 3 <b>The can</b> is the toilet.	1 A <b>can</b> is a metal container in which something such as food, drink, or paint is put. The container is usually sealed to keep the contents fresh. ... 3 <b>The can</b> is the toilet. [AM, INFORMAL]	1 A <b>can</b> is a metal container in which something such as food, drink, or paint is put. The container is usually sealed to keep the contents fresh. ... 3 <b>The can</b> is the toilet. [AM, INFORMAL]
<b>compulsory</b>					
<b>compulsory</b> ... is used to describe something that you have to do or accept	If something is <b>compulsory</b> , you must do it or accept it, because it is the	If something is <b>compulsory</b> , you must do it or accept it, because it is the	If something is <b>compulsory</b> , you must do it or accept it, because it is the	If something is <b>compulsory</b> , you must do it or accept it, because it is the	If something is <b>compulsory</b> , you must do it or accept it, because it is the

because it is a rule or law or because someone in authority insists on it.	law or because someone in a position of authority says you must.	law or because someone in a position of authority says you must	law or because someone in a position of authority says you must	law or because someone in a position of authority says you must	law or because someone in a position of authority says you must.
<b>dimple (n.)</b>					
A <b>dimple</b> is a small hollow in someone's cheek or chin that you can see when they smile	A <b>dimple</b> is a small hollow in someone's cheek or chin, often one that you can see when they smile.	A <b>dimple</b> is a small hollow in someone's cheek or chin, often one that you can see when they smile.	A <b>dimple</b> is a small hollow in someone's cheek or chin, often one that you can see when they smile.	A <b>dimple</b> is a small hollow in someone's cheek or chin, often one that you can see when they smile.	A <b>dimple</b> is a small hollow in someone's cheek or chin, often one that you can see when they smile.
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>					
1 If you describe someone as <b>distinguished</b> or describe their work or career as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they have been very successful in their work or career and therefore have a high reputation. ... 2 You also describe someone as <b>distinguished</b> or describe their appearance as <b>distinguished</b> when they appear very noble and dignified.	1 If you describe a person or their work as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean they have been very successful in their career and have a good reputation ... 2 If you describe someone as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they look very noble and dignified.	1 If you describe a person or their work as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean they have been very successful in their career and have a good reputation ... 2 If you describe someone as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they look very noble and respectable.	1 If you describe a person or their work as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they have been very successful in their career and have a good reputation. ... 2 If you describe someone as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they look very noble and respectable.	1 If you describe a person or their work as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they have been very successful in their career and have a good reputation. ... 2 If you describe someone as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they look very noble and respectable.	1 If you describe a person or their work as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they have been very successful in their career and have a good reputation. ... 2 If you describe someone as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they look very noble and respectable.
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>					
1 To <b>embarrass</b> someone means to make them feel shy, ashamed, or guilty about something. ... 2 To <b>embarrass</b> a politician, political party, government, or other public group means to cause political problems for them	1 If something or someone <b>embarrasses</b> you, they make you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 If something <b>embarrasses</b> a politician or political party, it causes problems for them.	1 If something or someone <b>embarrasses</b> you, they make you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 If something <b>embarrasses</b> a politician or political party, it causes problems for them.	1 If something or someone <b>embarrasses</b> you, they make you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 If something <b>embarrasses</b> a public figure such as a politician or an organization such as a political party, it causes problems for them.	1 If something or someone <b>embarrasses</b> you, they make you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 If something <b>embarrasses</b> a public figure such as a politician or an organization such as a political party, it causes problems for them.	1 If something or someone <b>embarrasses</b> you, they make you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 If something <b>embarrasses</b> a public figure such as a politician or an organization such as a political party, it causes problems for them.
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>					
A person who is <b>embarrassed</b> feels shy, ashamed or guilty about something. ... > used of people's behaviour or actions.	A person who is <b>embarrassed</b> feels shy, ashamed, or guilty about something.	A person who is <b>embarrassed</b> feels shy, ashamed, or guilty about something.	A person who is <b>embarrassed</b> feels shy, ashamed, or guilty about something.	A person who is <b>embarrassed</b> feels shy, ashamed, or guilty about something.	A person who is <b>embarrassed</b> feels shy, ashamed, or guilty about something.
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>					
Something that is <b>embarrassing</b> makes you feel shy, ashamed, or guilty.	1 Something that is <b>embarrassing</b> makes you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 Something that is <b>embarrassing to</b> a politician or a political party causes problems for them.	1 Something that is <b>embarrassing</b> makes you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 Something that is <b>embarrassing to</b> a politician or a political party causes problems for them.	1 Something that is <b>embarrassing</b> makes you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2. Something that is <b>embarrassing to</b> a public figure such as a politician or an organization such as a political party causes problems for them.	1 Something that is <b>embarrassing</b> makes you feel shy or ashamed. 2. Something that is <b>embarrassing to</b> a public figure such as a politician or an organization such as a political party causes problems for them.	1 Something that is <b>embarrassing</b> makes you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 Something that is <b>embarrassing to</b> a public figure such as a politician or an organization such as a political party causes problems for them
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>					
1. <b>Embarrassment</b> is a feeling of shyness, shame, or guilt. 2 An <b>embarrassment</b> is	1 <b>Embarrassment</b> is a feeling of shyness, shame, or guilt. ... 2 An <b>embarrassment</b> is	1 <b>Embarrassment</b> is the feeling you have when you are embarrassed. ... 2 An <b>embarrassment</b>	1 <b>Embarrassment</b> is the feeling you have when you are embarrassed. ... 2 An <b>embarrassment</b>	1 <b>Embarrassment</b> is the feeling you have when you are embarrassed. ... 2 An <b>embarrassment</b>	1 <b>Embarrassment</b> is the feeling you have when you are embarrassed. ... 2 An <b>embarrassment</b>

<p>an action, event, or situation which causes problems for a politician, political party, government, or other public group. ... 3 If you refer to a person as an <b>embarrassment</b>, you mean that you disapprove of them but cannot avoid your connection with them. ... 4 <b>Embarrassment</b> is also a difficult situation that you are in because of lack of money.</p>	<p>an action, event, or situation which causes problems for a politician, political party, government, or other public group. ... 3 If you refer to a person as an <b>embarrassment</b>, you mean that you disapprove of them but cannot avoid your connection with them. ... 4 If you say that someone has an <b>embarrassment of riches</b>, you mean that they have so many good things that these things are a problem.</p>	<p>is an action, event, or situation which causes problems for a politician, political party, government, or other public group. ... 3 If you refer to a person as an <b>embarrassment</b>, you mean that you disapprove of them but cannot avoid your connection with them. ... 4 If you say that someone has an <b>embarrassment of riches</b>, you mean that they have so many good things that these things are a problem.</p>	<p>is an action, event, or situation which causes problems for a politician, political party, government, or other public group. ... 3 If you refer to a person as an <b>embarrassment</b>, you mean that you disapprove of them but cannot avoid your connection with them.</p>	<p>is an action, event, or situation which causes problems for a politician, political party, government, or other public group. ... 3 If you refer to a person as an <b>embarrassment</b>, you mean that you disapprove of them but cannot avoid your connection with them.</p>	<p>is an action, event, or situation which causes problems for a politician, political party, government, or other public group. ... 3 If you refer to a person as an <b>embarrassment</b>, you mean that you disapprove of them but cannot avoid your connection with them.</p>
<b>feather (n.)</b>					
<p>1 A <b>feather</b> is one of the very light things that form the covering on a bird's body. A feather consists of lots of soft or smooth hairs on each side of a thin stiff centre. ... 3 You describe two or more people as <b>birds of a feather</b> when you think that they have similar characters, beliefs, interests, etc. 4 If something you have done is a <b>feather in your cap</b>, it is an achievement that other people admire you for. ...</p>	<p>1 A bird's <b>feathers</b> are the soft covering on its body. Each <b>feather</b> consists of a lot of smooth hairs on each side of a thin stiff centre. ... 2 If you describe two people as <b>birds of a feather</b>, you mean that they have very similar characteristics, interests, or beliefs. ... 3 If you describe something that someone has achieved as a <b>feather in their cap</b>, you mean that they can be proud of it or that it might bring them some advantage.</p>	<p>1 A bird's <b>feathers</b> are the soft covering on its body. Each <b>feather</b> consists of a lot of smooth hairs on each side of a thin stiff centre. ... 2 If you describe two people as <b>birds of a feather</b>, you mean that they have very similar characteristics, interests, or beliefs. ... 3 If you describe something that someone has achieved as a <b>feather in their cap</b>, you mean that they can be proud of it or that it might bring them some advantage.</p>	<p>1 A bird's <b>feathers</b> are the soft covering on its body. Each <b>feather</b> consists of a lot of smooth hairs on each side of a thin stiff centre.</p>	<p>1 A bird's <b>feathers</b> are the soft covering on its body. Each <b>feather</b> consists of a lot of smooth hairs on each side of a thin stiff centre.</p>	<p>1 A bird's <b>feathers</b> are the soft covering on its body. Each <b>feather</b> consists of a lot of smooth hairs on each side of a thin stiff centre.</p>
<b>gherkin</b>					
<p>A <b>gherkin</b> is a small green cucumber which has been pickled in vinegar and is eaten as part of a snack or meal</p>	<p><b>Gherkins</b> are small green cucumbers that have been pickled in vinegar; used mainly in British English.</p>	<p><b>Gherkins</b> are small green cucumbers that have been preserved in vinegar.</p>	<p><b>Gherkins</b> are small green cucumbers that have been preserved in vinegar.</p>	<p><b>Gherkins</b> are small green cucumbers that have been preserved in vinegar.</p>	<p><b>Gherkins</b> are small green cucumbers that have been preserved in vinegar.</p>
<b>grout (n.)</b>					
<p>(no entry)</p>	<p>(no entry)</p>	<p>1 <b>Grout</b> is a thin mixture of sand, water, and cement or lime, which is used to fill in the spaces between tiles that are fixed to a wall.</p>	<p>1 <b>Grout</b> is a thin mixture of sand, water, and cement or lime, which is used to fill in the spaces between tiles that are fixed to a wall.</p>	<p>1 <b>Grout</b> is a thin mixture of sand, water, and cement or lime, which is used to fill in the spaces between tiles that are fixed to a wall.</p>	<p>1 <b>Grout</b> is a thin mixture of sand, water, and cement or lime, which is used to fill in the spaces between tiles that are fixed to a wall.</p>
<b>hard (adj)</b>					
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<p><b>pushed, hard put, or hard pressed</b> to do something, you have great difficulty doing it. ... 3 Something that is <b>hard</b> involves a lot of work and effort. ... Something that is <b>hard going</b> is difficult and requires a lot of effort to do ... Something such as a building or street that is <b>hard by</b> something else is very close to it. ... 9 Someone who is <b>hard</b> shows no kindness or sympathy towards other people ... Someone who is <b>hard as nails</b> doesn't care at all about how their actions might hurt or affect other people. ... 10 If you are <b>hard on</b> someone, you treat them severely or unkindly. ... If you feel <b>hard done by</b>, you feel that you have not been treated fairly. ... Someone or something that is <b>hard hit</b> by something is affected very severely by it. ... If you <b>take</b> something <b>hard</b>, you are very upset and severely affected by it. ... 11 Something that is <b>hard</b> on a person or thing affects them in a way that is likely to cause them damage or suffering. ... 12 A life or period of time that is <b>hard</b> is difficult and unpleasant because you have so many problems that you need to struggle constantly to succeed or survive. ... 13 The weather or a season that is <b>hard</b> is very cold and severe. ... 14 Something such as a colour or sound that is <b>hard</b> is harsh or bright and often unpleasant to see or hear ... 15 <b>Hard</b> evidence or facts are definitely true and do not need to be</p>	<p>of activity and effort. ... 8 If a person or their expression is <b>hard</b>, they show no kindness or sympathy. ... 9 If you are <b>hard on</b> someone, you treat them severely or unkindly. ... 10 If you say that something is <b>hard on</b> a person or thing, you mean it affects them in a way that is likely to cause them damage or suffering. ... 11 If you have a <b>hard life</b> or a <b>hard</b> period of time, your life or that period is difficult and unpleasant for you. ... 12 A <b>hard</b> winter or a <b>hard</b> frost is very cold and severe. ... 13 <b>Hard</b> colours or sounds are harsh or bright and unpleasant to see or hear. ... 14 <b>Hard</b> evidence or facts are definitely true and do not need to be questioned. ... 15 <b>Hard</b> water contains a lot of lime so that it leaves a whitish coating on kettles. 16 <b>Hard</b> drugs are very strong illegal drugs such as heroin or cocaine. 17 In phonetics, a <b>hard</b> sound is one such as 'c' or 'g' as pronounced in the words 'cat' or 'give', and not as in the words 'cinema' or 'gin'. 18 If one thing is <b>hard by</b> another, it is very close to it; an old-fashioned expression. ... 19 If you feel <b>hard done by</b>, you feel that you have not been treated fairly; used mainly in British English. ... 20 To be <b>hard hit</b> by something means to be affected very severely by it. ... 22 If someone <b>plays hard to get</b>, they pretend not to be interested in another person or in what someone is trying to persuade them to do. ... 23 If someone is</p>	<p>of activity and effort. ... 8 If a person or their expression is <b>hard</b>, they show no kindness or sympathy. ... 9 If you are <b>hard on</b> someone, you treat them severely or unkindly. ... 10 If you say that something is <b>hard on</b> a person or thing, you mean it affects them in a way that is likely to cause them damage or suffering. ... 11 If you have a <b>hard life</b> or a <b>hard</b> period of time, your life or that period is difficult and unpleasant for you. ... 12 A <b>hard</b> winter or a <b>hard</b> frost is a very cold one. ... 13 <b>Hard</b> colours or sounds are harsh or bright and unpleasant to see or hear. ... 14 <b>Hard</b> evidence or facts are definitely true and do not need to be questioned. ... 15 <b>Hard</b> water contains a lot of calcium compounds that stop soap making bubbles and sometimes appear as a deposit in kettles and baths. 16 <b>Hard</b> drugs are very strong illegal drugs such as heroin or cocaine. 17 In phonetics, a <b>hard</b> sound is one such as 'c' or 'g' as pronounced in the words 'cat' or 'give', and not as in the words 'cinema' or 'gin'. 18 If one thing is <b>hard by</b> another, it is very close to it. 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<b>hiccup (n.)</b>					
1 <b>Hiccups</b> are little choking sounds in your throat caused by a quick jerking movement in your chest. You sometimes get hiccups if you have been eating or drinking too quickly. ... 3 A <b>hiccup</b> is a small problem or difficulty, usually one which can be fairly easily put right.	1 You can refer to a small problem or difficulty as a <b>hiccup</b> , especially if it does not last very long or is easily put right. ... 2 When you have <b>hiccups</b> , you make repeated sharp sounds in your throat, often because you have been eating or drinking too quickly. ... 3 A <b>hiccup</b> is a sound of the kind that you make when you have hiccups.	1 You can refer to a small problem or difficulty as a <b>hiccup</b> , especially if it does not last very long or is easily put right. ... 2 When you have <b>hiccups</b> , you make repeated sharp sounds in your throat, often because you have been eating or drinking too quickly. ... 3 A <b>hiccup</b> is a sound of the kind that you make when you have hiccups.	1 You can refer to a small problem or difficulty as a <b>hiccup</b> , especially if it does not last very long or is easily put right. ... 2 When you have <b>hiccups</b> , you make repeated sharp sounds in your throat, often because you have been eating or drinking too quickly. ... 3 A <b>hiccup</b> is a sound of the kind that you make when you have hiccups.	1 You can refer to a small problem or difficulty as a <b>hiccup</b> , especially if it does not last very long or is easily put right. ... 2 When you have <b>hiccups</b> , you make repeated sharp sounds in your throat, often because you have been eating or drinking too quickly. ... 3 A <b>hiccup</b> is a sound of the kind that you make when you have hiccups.	1 You can refer to a small problem or difficulty as a <b>hiccup</b> , especially if it does not last very long or is easily put right. ... 2 When you have <b>hiccups</b> , you make repeated sharp sounds in your throat, often because you have been eating or drinking too quickly. ... 3 A <b>hiccup</b> is a sound of the kind that you make when you have hiccups.
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>					
A <b>hillbilly</b> is a person who comes from the mountainous country areas of the south-east United States, especially one who does not seem to be very intelligent or educated; used by people who live in towns showing disapproval.	If you refer to someone as a <b>hillbilly</b> , you think they are uneducated and stupid because they come from the countryside; used in American English.	If you refer to someone as a <b>hillbilly</b> , you are saying in a fairly rude way that you think they are uneducated and stupid because they come from the countryside.	If you refer to someone as a <b>hillbilly</b> , you are saying in a fairly rude way that you think they are uneducated and stupid because they come from the countryside.	If you refer to someone as a <b>hillbilly</b> , you are saying in a fairly rude way that you think they are uneducated and stupid because they come from the countryside.	If you refer to someone as a <b>hillbilly</b> , you are saying in a fairly rude way that you think they are uneducated and stupid because they come from the countryside.
<b>hire (v.)</b>					
1 If you <b>hire</b> something, you pay money in order to be allowed to use it for a period of time. ... Something that is for hire is available for use in return for the payment of a sum of money ... 2 If you <b>hire</b> someone, you pay them to do a	1 If you <b>hire</b> someone, you employ them or pay them to do a particular job for you. ... 2 If you <b>hire</b> something, you pay money to the owner so that you can use it for a period of time. ... 3 You use <b>hire</b> to refer to the activity or business	1 If you <b>hire</b> someone, you employ them or pay them to do a particular job for you. ... 2 If you <b>hire</b> something, you pay money to the owner so that you can use it for a period of time. ... 3 You use <b>hire</b> to refer to the activity or business	1 If you <b>hire</b> someone, you employ them or pay them to do a particular job for you. ... 2 If you <b>hire</b> something, you pay money to the owner so that you can use it for a period of time. ... 3 You use <b>hire</b> to refer to the activity or business	1 If you <b>hire</b> someone, you employ them or pay them to do a particular job for you. ... 2 If you <b>hire</b> something, you pay money to the owner so that you can use it for a period of time. [mainly BRIT] ... 3 You use <b>hire</b> to refer to the activity	1 If you <b>hire</b> someone, you employ them or pay them to do a particular job for you. ... 2 If you <b>hire</b> something, you pay money to the owner so that you can use it for a period of time. [mainly BRIT] ... 3 You use <b>hire</b> to refer to the activity

particular job for you ... <b>hire out</b> If you <b>hire out</b> something such as a car or a person's services, you allow them to be used in return for payment.	of hiring something; used mainly in British English. ... If something is <b>for hire</b> , it is available for you to hire; used mainly in British English.	of hiring something. ... 4 If something is <b>for hire</b> , it is available for you to hire. ... <b>hire out</b> If you <b>hire out</b> something such as a car or a person's services, you allow them to be used in return for payment.	of hiring something. ... 4 If something is <b>for hire</b> , it is available for you to hire. ... <b>hire out</b> If you hire out something such as a car or a person's services, you allow them to be used in return for payment.	or business of hiring something. ... 4 If something is <b>for hire</b> , it is available for you to hire. ... <b>hire out</b> If you hire out something such as a car or a person's services, you allow them to be used in return for payment.	or business of hiring something. ... 4 If something is <b>for hire</b> , it is available for you to hire. ... <b>hire out</b> If you hire out something such as a car or a person's services, you allow them to be used in return for payment.
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>					
If you <b>hobnob</b> with someone, in informal English, you are friendly and spend time with them; used especially when this friendship is new or surprising.	In informal English, if you disapprove of the way in which someone is spending a lot of time with a group of people, especially rich and powerful people, you can say that he or she is <b>hobnobbing</b> with them.	If you disapprove of the way in which someone is spending a lot of time with a group of people, especially rich and powerful people, you can say that he or she is <b>hobnobbing</b> with them.	If you disapprove of the way in which someone is spending a lot of time with a group of people, especially rich and powerful people, you can say that he or she is <b>hobnobbing</b> with them.	If you disapprove of the way in which someone is spending a lot of time with a group of people, especially rich and powerful people, you can say that he or she is <b>hobnobbing</b> with them.	If you disapprove of the way in which someone is spending a lot of time with a group of people, especially rich and powerful people, you can say that he or she is <b>hobnobbing</b> with them.
<b>horde (n.)</b>					
A <b>horde</b> is a crowd of people. Hordes are usually very large and excited, and often rather frightening or unpleasant.	If you describe a crowd of people as a <b>horde</b> , you mean that the crowd is very large and excited and, often, rather frightening or unpleasant.	If you describe a crowd of people as a <b>horde</b> , you mean that the crowd is very large and excited and, often, rather frightening or unpleasant.	If you describe a crowd of people as a <b>horde</b> , you mean that the crowd is very large and excited and, often, rather frightening or unpleasant.	If you describe a crowd of people as a <b>horde</b> , you mean that the crowd is very large and excited and, often, rather frightening or unpleasant.	If you describe a crowd of people as a <b>horde</b> , you mean that the crowd is very large and excited and, often, rather frightening or unpleasant.
<b>hormone (n.)</b>					
A <b>hormone</b> is a chemical in your body that stimulates certain organs of your body ... > used also to refer to drugs made from these human chemicals ... > used also to refer to the chemicals that plants produce which control the way they grow	A <b>hormone</b> is a chemical, usually occurring naturally in your body, that stimulates certain organs of your body.	A <b>hormone</b> is a chemical, usually occurring naturally in your body, that makes an organ of your body do something	A <b>hormone</b> is a chemical, usually occurring naturally in your body, that makes an organ of your body do something.	A <b>hormone</b> is a chemical, usually occurring naturally in your body, that makes an organ of your body do something.	A <b>hormone</b> is a chemical, usually occurring naturally in your body, that makes an organ of your body do something.
<b>inquisitive</b>					
If you are <b>inquisitive</b> , you like asking a lot of questions and finding out about things, especially about other people	An <b>inquisitive</b> person likes finding out about things, especially secret things.	An <b>inquisitive</b> person likes finding out about things, especially secret things.	An <b>inquisitive</b> person likes finding out about things, especially secret things.	An <b>inquisitive</b> person likes finding out about things, especially secret things.	An <b>inquisitive</b> person likes finding out about things, especially secret things.
<b>instigate (v.)</b>					
Someone who <b>instigates</b> an event or situation causes it to happen by their own effort or work.	Someone who <b>instigates</b> an event causes it to happen.	Someone who <b>instigates</b> an event causes it to happen.	Someone who <b>instigates</b> an event causes it to happen.	Someone who <b>instigates</b> an event causes it to happen.	Someone who <b>instigates</b> an event causes it to happen.
<b>inscrutable</b>					
Someone who is <b>inscrutable</b> is mysterious about what they are really thinking. ... > used to describe expressions, remarks, etc.	If a person or their expression is <b>inscrutable</b> , it is very hard to know what they are really thinking or what they mean.	If a person or their expression is <b>inscrutable</b> , it is very hard to know what they are really thinking or what they mean.	If a person or their expression is <b>inscrutable</b> , it is very hard to know what they are really thinking or what they mean.	If a person or their expression is <b>inscrutable</b> , it is very hard to know what they are really thinking or what they mean.	If a person or their expression is <b>inscrutable</b> , it is very hard to know what they are really thinking or what they mean.
<b>insult (v.)</b>					
1 If you <b>insult</b> someone, you offend them by doing something	1 If someone <b>insults</b> you, they say or do something rude to you or offend you	1 If someone <b>insults</b> you, they say or do something that is rude or offensive. ...	1 If <b>someone</b> insults you, they say or do something that is rude or offensive. ...	1 If <b>someone</b> insults you, they say or do something that is rude or offensive. ...	1 If <b>someone</b> insults you, they say or do something that is rude or offensive. ...

rude, usually be speaking rudely to them	by doing or saying something which shows they have a low opinion of you. ... 2 An <b>insult</b> is a rude remark, or something a person says or does which insults you. ... 3 You say <b>to add insult to injury</b> when mentioning an action or fact that makes an unfair or unacceptable situation even worse.	2 An <b>insult</b> is a rude remark, or something a person says or does which insults you. ... 3 You say <b>to add insult to injury</b> when mentioning an action or fact that makes an unfair or unacceptable situation even worse.	2 An <b>insult</b> is a rude remark, or something a person says or does which insults you. ... 3 You say <b>to add insult to injury</b> when mentioning an action or fact that makes an unfair or unacceptable situation even worse.	2 An <b>insult</b> is a rude remark, or something a person says or does which insults you. ... 3 You say <b>to add insult to injury</b> when mentioning an action or fact that makes an unfair or unacceptable situation even worse.	2 An <b>insult</b> is a rude remark, or something a person says or does which insults you. ... 3 You say <b>to add insult to injury</b> when mentioning an action or fact that makes an unfair or unacceptable situation even worse.
<b>loom (v.)</b>					
1 If something <b>looms</b> , 1.1. it appears as a tall, unclear shape, often in a frightening way. ... 1.2. it appears as a problem or even that is approaching, or that will soon happen; a rather literary use. ... 2 If a problem or event <b>looms large</b> , it appears in your mind as a frightening prospect that you feel you cannot avoid.	1 If something <b>looms</b> over you, it appears as a large or unclear shape, often in a frightening way. ... 2 If a worrying or threatening situation or event <b>is looming</b> , it seems likely to happen soon; used by journalists. ... 3 If a problem or event <b>looms large</b> , it occupies a lot of your thoughts and seems to be a frightening prospect that you cannot avoid.	1 If something <b>looms</b> over you, it appears as a large or unclear shape, often in a frightening way. ... 2 If a worrying or threatening situation or event <b>is looming</b> , it seems likely to happen soon. ... 3 If something, especially a problem or worry <b>looms large</b> , it occupies a lot of your thoughts and seems important.	1 ... If something <b>looms over</b> you, it appears as a large or unclear shape, often in a frightening way ... 2 ... If a worrying or threatening situation or event <b>is looming</b> , it seems likely to happen soon	1 ... If something <b>looms over</b> you, it appears as a large or unclear shape, often in a frightening way ... 2 ... If a worrying or threatening situation or event <b>is looming</b> , it seems likely to happen soon	1 ... If something <b>looms over</b> you, it appears as a large or unclear shape, often in a frightening way ... 2 ... If a worrying or threatening situation or event <b>is looming</b> , it seems likely to happen soon
<b>loophole (n.)</b>					
A <b>loophole</b> is a small mistake or omission in the law, so that you can avoid doing something that the law intends you to do. For example, some people do not pay very much tax because of loopholes in the law.	A <b>loophole</b> in the law is a small mistake or omission which allows some people to avoid doing something that the law intended them to do.	A <b>loophole</b> in the law is a small mistake or omission which allows people to do something that would otherwise be illegal.	A <b>loophole</b> in the law is a small mistake which allows people to do something that would otherwise be illegal.	A <b>loophole</b> in the law is a small mistake which allows people to do something that would otherwise be illegal.	A <b>loophole</b> in the law is a small mistake which allows people to do something that would otherwise be illegal.
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>					
Something that is <b>lopsided</b> is uneven because its two sides are different from each other, for example when one side is heavier or higher than the other side.	1 Something that is <b>lopsided</b> is uneven because one side is lower or heavier than the other. ... 2 If you say that a situation is <b>lopsided</b> , you mean that one element is much stronger, bigger, or more important than another element.	1 Something that is <b>lopsided</b> is uneven because one side is lower or heavier than the other. ... 2 If you say that a situation is <b>lopsided</b> , you mean that one element is much stronger, bigger, or more important than another element.	Something that is <b>lopsided</b> is uneven because one side is lower or heavier than the other.	Something that is <b>lopsided</b> is uneven because one side is lower or heavier than the other.	Something that is <b>lopsided</b> is uneven because one side is lower or heavier than the other.
<b>obfuscate</b>					
To <b>obfuscate</b> or <b>obfuscate</b> something means to deliberately make it seem confusing and difficult to understand; a formal word.	To <b>obfuscate</b> something means to deliberately make it seem confusing and difficult to understand; a formal word.	To <b>obfuscate</b> something means to deliberately make it seem confusing and difficult to understand.	To <b>obfuscate</b> something means to deliberately make it seem confusing and difficult to understand.	To <b>obfuscate</b> something means to deliberately make it seem confusing and difficult to understand.	To <b>obfuscate</b> something means to deliberately make it seem confusing and difficult to understand.
<b>parrot (n.)</b>					

1 A <b>parrot</b> is grey or brightly-coloured feathers. There are many kinds of parrot. Parrots are sometimes kept as pets and sometimes copy what people say.	1 A <b>parrot</b> is a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly-coloured or grey feathers. Parrots can be kept as pets. Some parrots are able to copy what people say. ... 3 If you say that you feel <b>as sick as a parrot</b> , you feel very disappointed about something; used in informal British English.	1 A <b>parrot</b> is a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly-coloured or grey feathers. Parrots can be kept as pets. Some parrots are able to copy what people say. ... 3 If you say that you feel <b>as sick as a parrot</b> , you feel very disappointed about something.	1 A <b>parrot</b> is a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly-coloured or grey feathers. Parrots can be kept as pets. Some parrots are able to copy what people say.	1 A <b>parrot</b> is a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly-coloured or grey feathers. Parrots can be kept as pets. Some parrots are able to copy what people say. 2 If you disapprove of the that someone is just repeating what someone else has said, often without really understanding it, you can say that they <b>are parrotting</b> it.	1 A <b>parrot</b> is a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly-coloured or grey feathers. Parrots can be kept as pets. Some parrots are able to copy what people say. 2 If you disapprove of the that someone is just repeating what someone else has said, often without really understanding it, you can say that they <b>are parrotting</b> it.
<b>permission</b>					
If you have or are given <b>permission</b> to do something, someone has said that they will allow you to do it.	1 If someone who has authority over you gives you <b>permission</b> to do something, they say that they will allow you to do it. ... 2 A <b>permission</b> is a formal, written statement from an official group or place allowing you to do something.	1 If someone who has authority over you gives you <b>permission</b> to do something, they say that they will allow you to do it. ... 2 A <b>permission</b> is a formal, written statement from an official group or place allowing you to do something.	1 If someone who has authority over you gives you <b>permission</b> to do something, they say that they will allow you to do it. ... 2 A <b>permission</b> is a formal, written statement from an official group or place allowing you to do something.	1 If someone who has authority over you gives you <b>permission</b> to do something, they say that they will allow you to do it. ... 2 A <b>permission</b> is a formal, written statement from an official group or place allowing you to do something.	1 If someone who has authority over you gives you <b>permission</b> to do something, they say that they will allow you to do it. ... 2 A <b>permission</b> is a formal, written statement from an official group or place allowing you to do something.
<b>persuade</b>					
1 If someone or something <b>persuades</b> you to do something that you were at first unwilling to do, they cause you to do it by giving you a good reason for doing it. ... 2 If someone <b>persuades</b> you that something is the case or is true, they cause you to believe that it is the case, especially by talking to you.	1 If you <b>persuade</b> someone to do something, you cause them to do it by giving them good reasons for doing it. ... 2 If something <b>persuades</b> someone to take a particular course of action, it causes them to take that course of action because it is a good reason for doing so. ... 3 If you <b>persuade</b> someone that something is true, you say things that eventually make them believe that it is true.	1 If you <b>persuade</b> someone to do something, you cause them to do it by giving them good reasons for doing it. ... 2 If something <b>persuades</b> someone to take a particular course of action, it causes them to take that course of action because it is a good reason for doing so. ... 3 If you <b>persuade</b> someone that something is true, you say things that eventually make them believe that it is true.	1 If you <b>persuade</b> someone to do something, you cause them to do it by giving them good reasons for doing it. ... 2 If something <b>persuades</b> someone to take a particular course of action, it causes them to take that course of action because it is a good reason for doing so. ... 3 If you <b>persuade</b> someone that something is true, you say things that eventually make them believe that it is true.	1 If you <b>persuade</b> someone to do something, you cause them to do it by giving them good reasons for doing it. ... 2 If something <b>persuades</b> someone to take a particular course of action, it causes them to take that course of action because it is a good reason for doing so. ... 3 If you <b>persuade</b> someone that something is true, you say things that eventually make them believe that it is true.	1 If you <b>persuade</b> someone to do something, you cause them to do it by giving them good reasons for doing it. ... 2 If something <b>persuades</b> someone to take a particular course of action, it causes them to take that course of action because it is a good reason for doing so. ... 3 If you <b>persuade</b> someone that something is true, you say things that eventually make them believe that it is true.
<b>potential (adj.)</b>					
1 You use <b>potential</b> to say that something or someone may develop into the particular kind of thing or person mentioned, but has not done so yet.	1 You use <b>potential</b> to say that someone or something is capable of developing into the particular kind of person or thing mentioned.	1 You use <b>potential</b> to say that someone or something is capable of developing into the particular kind of person or thing mentioned.	1 You use <b>potential</b> to say that someone or something is capable of developing into the particular kind of person or thing mentioned.	1 You use <b>potential</b> to say that someone or something is capable of developing into the particular kind of person or thing mentioned.	1 You use <b>potential</b> to say that someone or something is capable of developing into the particular kind of person or thing mentioned.
<b>powder (n.)</b>					
1 <b>Powder</b> consists of very tiny particles of a solid substance. ...	1 <b>Powder</b> consists of many tiny particles of a solid substance. ... 2 <b>Powder</b> is the same as face powder. ... 4 <b>Powder</b> is the same as gunpowder; an old-fashioned use. ...	1 <b>Powder</b> consists of many tiny particles of a solid substance. ... 2 <b>Powder</b> is the same as face powder. ... 4 <b>Powder</b> is the same as gunpowder. ... 5 <b>Powder</b> is very fine	1 <b>Powder</b> consists of many tiny particles of a solid substance. ... 3 <b>Powder</b> is very fine snow.	1 <b>Powder</b> consists of many tiny particles of a solid substance. ... 3 <b>Powder</b> is very fine snow.	1 <b>Powder</b> consists of many tiny particles of a solid substance. ... 3 <b>Powder</b> is very fine snow.

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<b>pulsar (n.)</b>					
(no entry)	A <b>pulsar</b> is a rapidly rotating star that cannot be seen but which is known to exist because of the regular radio signals it emits.	A <b>pulsar</b> is a star that spins very fast and cannot be seen but produces regular radio signals.	A <b>pulsar</b> is a star that spins very fast and cannot be seen but produces regular radio signals.	A <b>pulsar</b> is a star that spins very fast and cannot be seen but produces regular radio signals.	A <b>pulsar</b> is a star that spins very fast and cannot be seen but produces regular radio signals.
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>					
1 Something that is <b>pungent</b> has a strong, sharp smell or taste which is often so strong that it is unpleasant. ... 2 Speech or writing that is <b>pungent</b> has a direct, powerful effect and often cleverly criticizes something; a formal use.	1 Something that is <b>pungent</b> has a strong, sharp smell or taste which is often so strong that it is unpleasant. ... 2 If you describe something someone has said or written as <b>pungent</b> , you approve of it because it has a direct and powerful effect, often criticizes something very cleverly; a formal use.	1 Something that is <b>pungent</b> has a strong, sharp smell or taste which is often so strong that it is unpleasant. ... 2 If you describe what someone has said or written as <b>pungent</b> , you approve of it because it has a direct and powerful effect and often criticizes something very cleverly.	1 ... Something that is <b>pungent</b> has a strong, sharp smell or taste which is often so strong that it is unpleasant ... 2 ... If you describe what someone has said or written as <b>pungent</b> , you approve of it because it has a direct and powerful effect and often criticizes something very cleverly.	1 ... Something that is <b>pungent</b> has a strong, sharp smell or taste which is often so strong that it is unpleasant ... 2 ... If you describe what someone has said or written as <b>pungent</b> , you approve of it because it has a direct and powerful effect and often criticizes something very cleverly.	1 ... Something that is <b>pungent</b> has a strong, sharp smell or taste which is often so strong that it is unpleasant ... 2 ... If you describe what someone has said or written as <b>pungent</b> , you approve of it because it has a direct and powerful effect and often criticizes something very cleverly.
<b>quandary (n.)</b>					
A <b>quandary</b> is the state of not being able to decide or think what to do about a situation that you are involved in.	If you are in a <b>quandary</b> , you have to make a decision but cannot decide what to do.	If you are in a <b>quandary</b> , you have to make a decision but cannot decide what to do.	If you are in a <b>quandary</b> , you have to make a decision but cannot decide what to do.	If you are in a <b>quandary</b> , you have to make a decision but cannot decide what to do.	If you are in a <b>quandary</b> , you have to make a decision but cannot decide what to do.
<b>rancid</b>					
Butter, bacon, or other fatty foods that are <b>rancid</b> have gone bad and taste or smell stale and unpleasant.	If butter, bacon, or other fatty foods are <b>rancid</b> , they have gone bad and taste stale and unpleasant.	If butter, bacon, or other oily foods are <b>rancid</b> , they have gone bad and taste old and unpleasant.	If butter, bacon, or other oily foods are <b>rancid</b> , they have gone bad and taste old and unpleasant.	If butter, bacon, or other oily foods are <b>rancid</b> , they have gone bad and taste old and unpleasant.	If butter, bacon, or other oily foods are <b>rancid</b> , they have gone bad and taste old and unpleasant.
<b>rattan</b>					
(no entry)	<b>Rattan</b> furniture is made from the woven strips of stems of a plant which grows in South East Asia.	<b>Rattan</b> furniture is made from the woven strips of stems of a plant which grows in South East Asia.	<b>Rattan</b> furniture is made from the woven strips of stems of a plant which grows in South East Asia.	<b>Rattan</b> furniture is made from the woven strips of stems of a plant which grows in South East Asia.	<b>Rattan</b> furniture is made from the woven strips of stems of a plant which grows in South East Asia.
<b>redeem (v.)</b>					
1 If someone or something <b>redeems</b> an unpleasant situation, they prevent it from being completely bad or unacceptable because of a quality that they have or because of something that they do. ... 2 If you <b>redeem</b> yourself, you do something that will give people a better opinion of you again after you have behaved badly or made yourself unpopular. ... 3 If you <b>redeem</b> something, you get it back from someone by	1 If you <b>redeem</b> yourself or your reputation, you do something that makes people have a good opinion of you again after you have behaved or performed badly. ... 2 When something <b>redeems</b> an unpleasant thing or situation, it prevents it from being completely bad. ... 3 If you <b>redeem</b> a debt or an obligation, you pay money that you owe or that you promised to pay. ... 4 If you <b>redeem</b> an object you possess, you get it back from	1 If you <b>redeem</b> yourself or your reputation, you do something that makes people have a good opinion of you again after you have behaved or performed badly. ... 2 When something <b>redeems</b> an unpleasant thing or situation, it prevents it from being completely bad. ... 3 If you <b>redeem</b> a debt or money that you have promised to someone, you pay money that you owe or that you promised to pay. ... 4 If you <b>redeem</b> an object that belongs to you,	1 ... If you <b>redeem yourself</b> or your reputation, you do something that makes people have a good opinion of you again after you have behaved or performed badly. ... 2 ... When something <b>redeems</b> an unpleasant thing or situation, it prevents it from being completely bad. ... 3 ... If you <b>redeem</b> a debt or money that you have promised to someone, you pay money that you owe or that you promised to pay. ... 4 ... If you <b>redeem</b> an object	1 ... If you <b>redeem yourself</b> or your reputation, you do something that makes people have a good opinion of you again after you have behaved or performed badly. ... 2 ... When something <b>redeems</b> an unpleasant thing or situation, it prevents it from being completely bad. ... 3 ... If you <b>redeem</b> a debt or money that you have promised to someone, you pay money that you owe or that you promised to pay. ... 4 ... If you <b>redeem</b> an object	1 ... If you <b>redeem yourself</b> or your reputation, you do something that makes people have a good opinion of you again after you have behaved or performed badly. ... 2 ... When something <b>redeems</b> an unpleasant thing or situation, it prevents it from being completely bad. ... 3 ... If you <b>redeem</b> a debt or money that you have promised to someone, you pay money that you owe or that your promised to pay. ... 4 ... If you <b>redeem</b>

repaying them money that you have borrowed from them. The item that you redeem has been kept by them as a guarantee that you will repay the money. ... 4 If you <b>redeem</b> a debt or obligation, you pay someone money that you owe them or that you have promised to pay them. ... 5 In Christianity, to <b>redeem</b> someone means to free them from sin and evil by giving them faith in Jesus Christ.	someone by repaying them money that you have borrowed from them, using the object as a guarantee. ... 5 In religions such as Christianity, to <b>redeem</b> someone means to save them by freeing them from sin and evil.	you get back from someone by repaying them money that you borrowed from them, after using the object as a guarantee. ... 5 In religions such as Christianity, to <b>redeem</b> someone means to save them by freeing them from sin and evil.	that belongs to you, you get it back from someone by repaying them money that you borrowed from them, after using the object as a guarantee. ... 5 ... In religions such as Christianity, to <b>redeem</b> someone means to save them by freeing them from sin and evil.	that belongs to you, you get it back from someone by repaying them money that you borrowed from them, after using the object as a guarantee. ... 5 ... In religions such as Christianity, to <b>redeem</b> someone means to save them by freeing them from sin and evil.	an object that belongs to you, you get it back from someone by repaying them money that you borrowed from them, after using the object as a guarantee. ... 5 ... In religions such as Christianity, to <b>redeem</b> someone means to save them by freeing them from sin and evil.
<b>ski (n.)</b>					
A ski is one of a pair of long, flat, narrow pieces of wood, metal, or plastic that are fastened to boots so that the person wearing them can move easily on snow	<b>Skis</b> are long, flat, narrow pieces of wood, metal, or plastic that are fastened to boots so that you can move easily on snow. ... 3 You use <b>ski</b> to refer to things that are concerned with skiing.	<b>Skis</b> are long, flat, narrow pieces of wood, metal, or plastic that are fastened to boots so that you can move easily on snow or water. ... 3 You use <b>ski</b> to refer to things that are concerned with skiing.	1 <b>Skis</b> are long, flat, narrow pieces of wood, metal, or plastic that are fastened to boots so that you can move easily on snow or water. ... 3 You use <b>ski</b> to refer to things that are concerned with skiing.	1 <b>Skis</b> are long, flat, narrow pieces of wood, metal, or plastic that are fastened to boots so that you can move easily on snow or water.	1 <b>Skis</b> are long, flat, narrow pieces of wood, metal, or plastic that are fastened to boots so that you can move easily on snow or water.
<b>ski (v.)</b>					
When people <b>ski</b> , they move on snow wearing skis and using a pair of long sticks to push themselves along, especially as a sport or a holiday activity.	When people <b>ski</b> , they move over snow or water on skis.	When people <b>ski</b> , they move over snow or water on skis.	2 When people <b>ski</b> , they move over snow or water on skis.	2 When people <b>ski</b> , they move over snow or water on skis.	2 When people <b>ski</b> , they move over snow or water on skis.
<b>skill (n.)</b>					
1 <b>Skill</b> is the knowledge and ability that enables you to do something such as a job, game, or sport very well. ... 2 A skill is a type of work or an art or craft which requires special training and knowledge.	1 A <b>skill</b> is a type of work or activity which requires special training and knowledge. ... 2 <b>Skill</b> is the knowledge and ability that enables you to do something well.	1 A <b>skill</b> is a type of work or activity which requires special training and knowledge. ... 2 <b>Skill</b> is the knowledge and ability that enables you to do something well.	1 A <b>skill</b> is a type of work or activity which requires special training and knowledge. ... 2 <b>Skill</b> is the knowledge and ability that enables you to do something well.	1 A <b>skill</b> is a type of work or activity which requires special training and knowledge. ... 2 <b>Skill</b> is the knowledge and ability that enables you to do something well.	1 A <b>skill</b> is a type of work or activity which requires special training and knowledge. ... 2 <b>Skill</b> is the knowledge and ability that enables you to do something well.
<b>solitude (n.)</b>					
<b>solitude</b> is the state of being alone without other people, especially when this is calm and pleasant.	<b>Solitude</b> is the state of being alone, especially when this is peaceful and pleasant.	<b>Solitude</b> is the state of being alone, especially when this is peaceful and pleasant.	<b>Solitude</b> is the state of being alone, especially when this is peaceful and pleasant.	<b>Solitude</b> is the state of being alone, especially when this is peaceful and pleasant.	<b>Solitude</b> is the state of being alone, especially when this is peaceful and pleasant.
<b>steppe (n.)</b>					
A <b>steppe</b> is a large area of land with grass but no trees. It is often used to refer specifically to the area that stretches from Eastern Europe across the south of the USSR to Siberia.	<b>Steppes</b> are large areas of grassland where there are no trees. It is often used to refer to the area that stretches from Eastern Europe across the south of the former Soviet Union to Siberia.	<b>Steppes</b> are large areas of flat grassy land where there are no trees, especially the area that stretches from Eastern Europe across the south of the former Soviet Union to Siberia.	<b>Steppes</b> are large areas of flat grassy land where there are no trees, especially the area that stretches from Eastern Europe across the south of the former Soviet Union to Siberia.	<b>Steppes</b> are large areas of flat grassy land where there are no trees, especially the area that stretches from Eastern Europe across the south of the former Soviet Union to Siberia.	<b>Steppes</b> are large areas of flat grassy land where there are no trees, especially the area that stretches from Eastern Europe across the south of the former Soviet Union to Siberia.
<b>stifle (v.)</b>					
1 If someone <b>stifles</b>	1 If someone <b>stifles</b>	1 If someone <b>stifles</b>	1 ... If someone	1 ... If someone	1 ... If someone

something that is happening they stop it from continuing. ... 2 If you <b>stifle</b> a cry, a yawn, etc, you stop yourself from expressing it aloud. ... 3 If you <b>stifle</b> from natural way of behaving, you prevent yourself from behaving like this. ... 4 If the air or the atmosphere <b>stifles</b> you, it makes you feel as if you cannot breathe properly.	something you consider to be a good thing, they prevent it from continuing. ... 2 If you <b>stifle</b> a yawn or laugh, you prevent yourself from yawning or laughing. ... 3 If you <b>stifle</b> your natural feelings or behaviour, you prevent yourself from having those feelings or behaving in that way.	something you consider to be a good thing, they prevent it from continuing. ... 2 If you <b>stifle</b> a yawn or laugh, you prevent yourself from yawning or laughing. ... 3 If you <b>stifle</b> your natural feelings or behaviour, you prevent yourself from having those feelings or behaving in that way.	<b>stifles</b> something you consider to be a good thing, they prevent it from continuing. ... 2 ... If you <b>stifle</b> a yawn or laugh, you prevent yourself from yawning or laughing. ... 3 ... If you <b>stifle</b> your natural feelings or behaviour, you prevent yourself from having those feelings or behaving in that way.	<b>stifles</b> something you consider to be a good thing, they prevent it from continuing. ... 2 ... If you <b>stifle</b> a yawn or laugh, you prevent yourself from yawning or laughing. ... 3 ... If you <b>stifle</b> your natural feelings or behaviour, you prevent yourself from having those feelings or behaving in that way.	<b>stifles</b> something you consider to be a good thing, they prevent it from continuing. ... 2 ... If you <b>stifle</b> a yawn or laugh, you prevent yourself from yawning or laughing. ... 3 ... If you <b>stifle</b> your natural feelings or behaviour, you prevent yourself from having those feelings or behaving in that way.
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>					
Someone who is <b>stingy</b> uses or gives away very little of something because they want to keep it or because they want to save money; used showing disapproval.	Someone who is <b>stingy</b> is very mean.	If you describe someone as <b>stingy</b> , you are criticizing them for being unwilling to spend money.	If you describe someone as <b>stingy</b> , you are criticizing them for being unwilling to spend money.	If you describe someone as <b>stingy</b> , you are criticizing them for being unwilling to spend money.	If you describe someone as <b>stingy</b> , you are criticizing them for being unwilling to spend money.
<b>stipend (n.)</b>					
A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money paid regularly to a person, especially a clergyman, as a salary or as living expenses.	A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid regularly to a person, especially a magistrate or clergyman, as a salary or as living expenses.	A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid regularly, especially to a magistrate or a member of the clergy, as a salary or for their living expenses. ... 2 A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid to a student for their living expenses.	1 ... A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid regularly, especially to a magistrate or a member of the clergy, as a salary or for their living expenses. ... 2 ... A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid to a student for their living expenses.	1 ... A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid regularly, especially to a magistrate or a member of the clergy, as a salary or for their living expenses. ... 2 ... A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid to a student for their living expenses.	1 ... A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid regularly, especially to a magistrate or a member of the clergy, as a salary or for their living expenses. ... 2 ... A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid to a student for their living expenses.
<b>Terylene</b>					
<b>Terylene</b> is a light and strong artificial cloth which is used especially for making clothes	(no entry)	(no entry)	(no entry)	(no entry)	(no entry)
<b>trudge (v.)</b>					
If you <b>trudge</b> somewhere, you walk there slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are tired or unhappy.	If you <b>trudge</b> somewhere, you walk there slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are tired or unhappy.	If you <b>trudge</b> somewhere, you walk there slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are tired or unhappy.	If you <b>trudge</b> somewhere, you walk there slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are tired or unhappy.	If you <b>trudge</b> somewhere, you walk there slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are tired or unhappy.	If you <b>trudge</b> somewhere, you walk there slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are tired or unhappy.
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>					
1 A <b>trumpet</b> is a brass musical instrument that you play by blowing into it. It consists of a long curved metal tube ending in a bell-like shape, and has three buttons that you press to get different notes.	1 A <b>trumpet</b> is a musical instrument of the brass family which plays quite high notes. ... 4 If you blow your own trumpet, you boast about yourself.	1 A <b>trumpet</b> is a musical instrument of the brass family which plays quite high notes.	1 A <b>trumpet</b> is a musical instrument of the brass family which plays quite high notes.	1 A <b>trumpet</b> is a musical instrument of the brass family which plays quite high notes.	1 A <b>trumpet</b> is a musical instrument of the brass family which plays quite high notes.
<b>wrench (n.)</b>					
5 A <b>wrench</b> is also a metal tool with parts which can be moved in order to fit round a nut so that the nut can be	4 If you say that leaving someone or something is a <b>wrench</b> , you feel very sad about it ... 5 A wrench or	4 If you say that leaving someone or something is a <b>wrench</b> , you feel very sad about it ... 5 A wrench or	4 If you say that leaving someone or something is a <b>wrench</b> , you feel very sad about it ... 5 A wrench or a	4 If you say that leaving someone or something is a <b>wrench</b> , you feel very sad about it ... 5 A wrench or a	4 ... If you say that leaving someone or something is a wrench, you feel very sad about it. ... 5 ... A <b>wrench</b> or a

loosened or tightened. 6 If you describe the experience of leaving someone or something as a <b>wrench</b> , you mean that the person who is leaving feels very sad about it.	<b>monkey wrench</b> is an adjustable metal tool used for tightening or loosening nuts and bolts	<b>monkey wrench</b> is an adjustable metal tool used for tightening or loosening metal nuts of different sizes.	<b>monkey wrench</b> is an adjustable metal tool used for tightening or loosening metal nuts of different sizes.	<b>monkey wrench</b> is an adjustable metal tool used for tightening or loosening metal nuts of different sizes.	<b>monkey wrench</b> is an adjustable metal tool used for tightening or loosening metal nuts of different sizes.
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Table V. COBUILD - continued (editions 7-8)

COBUILD7 (2012)	COBUILD8 (2014)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>	
You use <b>abject</b> to emphasize that a situation or quality is extremely bad	You use <b>abject</b> to emphasize that a situation or quality is extremely bad
<b>accuse (v.)</b>	
1 If you <b>accuse</b> someone of doing something wrong or dishonest, you say or tell them that you believe that they did it. ... 2 If you <b>are accused of</b> a crime, a witness or someone in authority states or claims that you did it, and you may be formally charged with it and put on trial. ... 4 If someone <b>stands accused</b> of something, they have been accused of it.	1 If you <b>accuse</b> someone of doing something wrong or dishonest, you say or tell them that you believe that they did it. ... 2 If you <b>are accused of</b> a crime, a witness or someone in authority states or claims that you did it, and you may be formally charged with it and put on trial. ... 4 If someone <b>stands accused</b> of something, they have been accused of it.
<b>can (n.)</b>	
1 A <b>can</b> is a metal container in which something such as food, drink, or paint is put. The container is usually sealed to keep the contents fresh. ... 3 <b>The can</b> is the toilet. [AM, INFORMAL]	1 A <b>can</b> is a metal container in which something such as food, drink, or paint is put. The container is usually sealed to keep the contents fresh. ... 3 <b>The can</b> is the toilet. [AM, INFORMAL]
<b>compulsory</b>	
If something is <b>compulsory</b> , you must do it or accept it, because it is the law or because someone in a position of authority says you must.	If something is <b>compulsory</b> , you must do it or accept it, because it is the law or because someone in a position of authority says you must.
<b>dimple (n.)</b>	
A <b>dimple</b> is a small hollow in someone's cheek or chin, often one that you can see when they smile.	A <b>dimple</b> is a small hollow in someone's cheek or chin, often one that you can see when they smile.
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>	
1 ... If you describe a person or their work as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they have been very successful in their career and have a good reputation ... 2 ... If you describe someone as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they look very noble and respectable	1 ... If you describe a person or their work as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they have been very successful in their career and have a good reputation ... 2 ... If you describe someone as <b>distinguished</b> , you mean that they look very noble and respectable
<b>embarrass</b>	
1 If something or someone <b>embarrasses</b> you, they make you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 If something <b>embarrasses</b> a public figure such as a politician or an organization such as a political party, it causes problems for them.	1 If something or someone <b>embarrasses</b> you, they make you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 If something <b>embarrasses</b> a public figure such as a politician or an organization such as a political party, it causes problems for them.
<b>embarrassed</b>	
A person who is <b>embarrassed</b> feels shy, ashamed, or guilty about something.	A person who is <b>embarrassed</b> feels shy, ashamed, or guilty about something.
<b>embarrassing</b>	
1 Something that is <b>embarrassing</b> makes you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 Something that is <b>embarrassing</b> to a public figure such as a politician or an organization such as a political party causes problems for them	1 Something that is <b>embarrassing</b> makes you feel shy or ashamed. ... 2 Something that is <b>embarrassing</b> to a public figure such as a politician or an organization such as a political party causes problems for them
<b>embarrassment</b>	
1 <b>Embarrassment</b> is the feeling you have when you are embarrassed. ... 2 An <b>embarrassment</b> is an action, event, or situation which causes problems for a politician, political party, government, or other public group. ... 3 If you refer to a person as an <b>embarrassment</b> , you mean that you disapprove of them but cannot avoid your connection with them.	1 <b>Embarrassment</b> is the feeling you have when you are embarrassed. ... 2 An <b>embarrassment</b> is an action, event, or situation which causes problems for a politician, political party, government, or other public group. ... 3 If you refer to a person as an <b>embarrassment</b> , you mean that you disapprove of them but cannot avoid your connection with them.
<b>feather</b>	
1 A bird's <b>feathers</b> are the soft covering on its body. Each <b>feather</b> consists of a lot of smooth hairs on each side of a thin stiff centre.	1 A bird's <b>feathers</b> are the soft covering on its body. Each <b>feather</b> consists of a lot of smooth hairs on each side of a thin stiff centre.
<b>gherkin</b>	
<b>Gherkins</b> are small green cucumbers that have been preserved in vinegar.	<b>Gherkins</b> are small green cucumbers that have been preserved in vinegar.
<b>grout (n.)</b>	
1 <b>Grout</b> is a thin mixture of sand, water, and cement or lime, which is used to fill in the spaces between tiles that are fixed to a wall.	1 <b>Grout</b> is a thin mixture of sand, water, and cement or lime, which is used to fill in the spaces between tiles that are fixed to a wall.
<b>hard (adj.)</b>	
1 Something that is <b>hard</b> is very firm and stiff to touch and is not easily bent, cut, or broken. ... 2 Something that is <b>hard</b> is very difficult to do or deal with. ... 4 <b>Hard</b> work involves a lot of activity and effort. ... 8 If a person or their expression is <b>hard</b> , they show no kindness or sympathy. ... 9 If you are <b>hard on</b> someone, you treat them severely or unkindly. ... 10 If you say that something is <b>hard on</b> a person or thing, you mean it affects them in a way that is likely to cause them damage or suffering. ... 11 If you have a <b>hard</b> life or a hard period of time, your life or that period is difficult and unpleasant for you. ... 12 ... <b>Hard</b> evidence or facts are definitely true and do not need to be questioned. ... 13 <b>Hard</b> water contains a lot of calcium compounds that stop soap making bubbles and sometimes appear as a deposit in kettles and baths. 14 <b>Hard</b> drugs are very strong illegal drugs such as heroin or cocaine. <b>PHRASES</b> 15 If you feel <b>hard done by</b> , you feel that you have not	1 Something that is <b>hard</b> is very firm and stiff to touch and is not easily bent, cut, or broken. ... 2 Something that is <b>hard</b> is very difficult to do or deal with. ... 4 <b>Hard</b> work involves a lot of activity and effort. ... 8 If a person or their expression is <b>hard</b> , they show no kindness or sympathy. ... 9 If you are <b>hard on</b> someone, you treat them severely or unkindly. ... 10 If you say that something is <b>hard on</b> a person or thing, you mean it affects them in a way that is likely to cause them damage or suffering. ... 11 If you have a <b>hard</b> life or a hard period of time, your life or that period is difficult and unpleasant for you. ... 12 ... <b>Hard</b> evidence or facts are definitely true and do not need to be questioned. ... 13 <b>Hard</b> water contains a lot of calcium compounds that stop soap making bubbles and sometimes appear as a deposit in kettles and baths. 14 <b>Hard</b> drugs are very strong illegal drugs such as heroin or cocaine. <b>PHRASE</b> 15 If you feel <b>hard done by</b> , you feel that you have not

been treated fairly. [BRIT] ... 16 If you say that something is <b>hard going</b> , you mean it is difficult and requires a lot of effort. ... 17 To be <b>hard hit</b> by something means to be affected very severely by it. ... 18 If someone <b>plays hard to get</b> , they pretend not to be interested in another person or in what someone is trying to persuade them to do. ... 19 If someone is <b>hard put to</b> do something or, in British English if they are <b>hard pushed to</b> do something, they have great difficulty doing it. 20 If you <b>take</b> something <b>hard</b> , you are very upset or depressed by it. ...	been treated fairly. [BRIT] ... 16 If you say that something is <b>hard going</b> , you mean it is difficult and requires a lot of effort. ... 17 To be <b>hard hit</b> by something means to be affected very severely by it. ... 18 If someone <b>plays hard to get</b> , they pretend not to be interested in another person or in what someone is trying to persuade them to do. ... 19 If someone is <b>hard put to</b> do something or, in British English if they are <b>hard pushed to</b> do something, they have great difficulty doing it. 20 If you <b>take</b> something <b>hard</b> , you are very upset or depressed by it. ...
<b>hiccup (n.)</b>	
1 ... You can refer to a small problem or difficulty as a <b>hiccup</b> , especially if it does not last very long or is easily put right ... 2 ... When you have <b>hiccups</b> , you make repeated sharp sounds in your throat, often because you have been eating or drinking too quickly ... 3 ... A <b>hiccup</b> is a sound of the kind that you make when you have hiccups.	1 ... You can refer to a small problem or difficulty as a <b>hiccup</b> , especially if it does not last very long or is easily put right ... 2 ... When you have <b>hiccups</b> , you make repeated sharp sounds in your throat, often because you have been eating or drinking too quickly ... 3 ... A <b>hiccup</b> is a sound of the kind that you make when you have hiccups.
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>	
If you refer to someone as a <b>hillbilly</b> , you are saying in a fairly rude way that you think they are uneducated and stupid because they come from the countryside	If you refer to someone as a <b>hillbilly</b> , you are saying in a fairly rude way that you think they are uneducated and stupid because they come from the countryside
<b>hire (v.)</b>	
1 If you <b>hire</b> someone, you employ them or pay them to do a particular job for you. ... 2 If you <b>hire</b> something, you pay money to the owner so that you can use it for a period of time. [mainly BRIT] ... 3 You use <b>hire</b> to refer to the activity or business of hiring something. ... 4 If something is <b>for hire</b> , it is available for you to hire. ... <b>hire out</b> If you hire out something such as a car or a person's services, you allow them to be used in return for payment.	1 If you <b>hire</b> someone, you employ them or pay them to do a particular job for you. ... 2 If you <b>hire</b> something, you pay money to the owner so that you can use it for a period of time. [mainly BRIT] ... 3 You use <b>hire</b> to refer to the activity or business of hiring something. ... 4 If something is <b>for hire</b> , it is available for you to hire. ... <b>hire out</b> If you hire out something such as a car or a person's services, you allow them to be used in return for payment.
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>	
If you disapprove of the way in which someone is spending a lot of time with a group of people, especially rich and powerful people, you can say that he or she is <b>hobnobbing with</b> them.	If you disapprove of the way in which someone is spending a lot of time with a group of people, especially rich and powerful people, you can say that he or she is <b>hobnobbing with</b> them.
<b>horde (n.)</b>	
If you describe a crowd of people as a <b>horde</b> , you mean that the crowd is very large and excited and, often, rather frightening or unpleasant	If you describe a crowd of people as a <b>horde</b> , you mean that the crowd is very large and excited and, often, rather frightening or unpleasant
<b>hormone (n.)</b>	
A <b>hormone</b> is a chemical, usually occurring naturally in your body, that makes an organ of your body do something.	A <b>hormone</b> is a chemical, usually occurring naturally in your body, that makes an organ of your body do something.
<b>inquisitive (adj.)</b>	
An <b>inquisitive</b> person likes finding out about things, especially secret things.	An <b>inquisitive</b> person likes finding out about things, especially secret things.
<b>instigate</b>	
Someone who <b>instigates</b> an event causes it to happen.	Someone who <b>instigates</b> an event causes it to happen.
<b>inscrutable (adj.)</b>	
If a person or their expression is <b>inscrutable</b> , it is very hard to know what they are really thinking or what they mean.	If a person or their expression is <b>inscrutable</b> , it is very hard to know what they are really thinking or what they mean.
<b>insult (v.)</b>	
1 If <b>someone</b> insults you, they say or do something that is rude or offensive. ... 2 An <b>insult</b> is a rude remark, or something a person says or does which insults you. ... 3 You say <b>to add insult to injury</b> when mentioning an action or fact that makes an unfair or unacceptable situation even worse.	1 If <b>someone</b> insults you, they say or do something that is rude or offensive. ... 2 An <b>insult</b> is a rude remark, or something a person says or does which insults you. ... 3 You say <b>to add insult to injury</b> when mentioning an action or fact that makes an unfair or unacceptable situation even worse.
<b>loom (v.)</b>	
1 ... If something <b>looms over</b> you, it appears as a large or unclear shape, often in a frightening way ... 2 ... If a worrying or threatening situation or event is <b>looming</b> , it seems likely to happen soon	1 ... If something <b>looms over</b> you, it appears as a large or unclear shape, often in a frightening way ... 2 ... If a worrying or threatening situation or event is <b>looming</b> , it seems likely to happen soon
<b>loophole (n.)</b>	
A <b>loophole</b> in the law is a small mistake which allows people to do something that would otherwise be illegal.	A <b>loophole</b> in the law is a small mistake which allows people to do something that would otherwise be illegal.
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>	
Something that is <b>lopsided</b> is uneven because one side is lower or heavier than the other.	Something that is <b>lopsided</b> is uneven because one side is lower or heavier than the other.
<b>obfuscate (v.)</b>	
To <b>obfuscate</b> something means to deliberately make it seem confusing and difficult to understand.	To <b>obfuscate</b> something means to deliberately make it seem confusing and difficult to understand.
<b>parrot (n.)</b>	
1 A <b>parrot</b> is a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly-coloured or grey feathers. Parrots can be kept as pets. Some parrots are able to copy what people say. 2 If you disapprove of the that someone is just repeating what someone else has said, often without really understanding it, you can say that they <b>are parroting</b> it.	1 A <b>parrot</b> is a tropical bird with a curved beak and brightly-coloured or grey feathers. Parrots can be kept as pets. Some parrots are able to copy what people say. 2 If you disapprove of the that someone is just repeating what someone else has said, often without really understanding it, you can say that they <b>are parroting</b> it.
<b>permission (n.)</b>	
1 If someone who has authority over you gives you <b>permission</b> to	1 If someone who has authority over you gives you <b>permission</b> to

do something, they say that they will allow you to do it. ... 2 A <b>permission</b> is a formal, written statement from an official group or place allowing you to do something.	do something, they say that they will allow you to do it. ... 2 A <b>permission</b> is a formal, written statement from an official group or place allowing you to do something.
<b>persuade (v.)</b>	
1 If you <b>persuade</b> someone to do something, you cause them to do it by giving them good reasons for doing it. ... 2 If something <b>persuades</b> someone to take a particular course of action, it causes them to take that course of action because it is a good reason for doing so. ... 3 If you <b>persuade</b> someone that something is true, you say things that eventually make them believe that it is true.	1 If you <b>persuade</b> someone to do something, you cause them to do it by giving them good reasons for doing it. ... 2 If something <b>persuades</b> someone to take a particular course of action, it causes them to take that course of action because it is a good reason for doing so. ... 3 If you <b>persuade</b> someone that something is true, you say things that eventually make them believe that it is true.
<b>potential (adj.)</b>	
1 You use <b>potential</b> to say that someone or something is capable of developing into the particular kind of person or thing mentioned.	1 You use <b>potential</b> to say that someone or something is capable of developing into the particular kind of person or thing mentioned.
<b>powder (n.)</b>	
1 <b>Powder</b> consists of many tiny particles of a solid substance. ... 3 <b>Powder</b> is very fine snow.	1 <b>Powder</b> consists of many tiny particles of a solid substance. ... 3 <b>Powder</b> is very fine snow.
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>	
A <b>pulsar</b> is a star that spins very fast and cannot be seen but produces regular radio signals.	A <b>pulsar</b> is a star that spins very fast and cannot be seen but produces regular radio signals.
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>	
1 ... Something that is <b>pungent</b> has a strong, sharp smell or taste which is often so strong that it is unpleasant ... 2 ... If you describe what someone has said or written as <b>pungent</b> , you approve of it because it has a direct and powerful effect and often criticizes something very cleverly.	1 ... Something that is <b>pungent</b> has a strong, sharp smell or taste which is often so strong that it is unpleasant ... 2 ... If you describe what someone has said or written as <b>pungent</b> , you approve of it because it has a direct and powerful effect and often criticizes something very cleverly.
<b>quandary (n.)</b>	
If you are in a <b>quandary</b> , you have to make a decision but cannot decide what to do.	If you are in a <b>quandary</b> , you have to make a decision but cannot decide what to do.
<b>rancid</b>	
If butter, bacon, or other oily foods are <b>rancid</b> , they have gone bad and taste old and unpleasant.	If butter, bacon, or other oily foods are <b>rancid</b> , they have gone bad and taste old and unpleasant.
<b>rattan</b>	
<b>Rattan</b> furniture is made from the woven strips of stems of a plant which grows in South East Asia.	<b>Rattan</b> furniture is made from the woven strips of stems of a plant which grows in South East Asia.
<b>redeem (v.)</b>	
1 ... If you <b>redeem yourself</b> or your reputation, you do something that makes people have a good opinion of you again after you have behaved or performed badly. ... 2 ... When something <b>redeems</b> an unpleasant thing or situation, it prevents it from being completely bad. ... 3 ... If you <b>redeem</b> a debt or money that you have promised to someone, you pay money that you owe or that you promised to pay. ... 4 ... If you <b>redeem</b> an object that belongs to you, you get it back from someone by repaying them money that you borrowed from them, after using the object as a guarantee. ... 5 ... In religions such as Christianity, to <b>redeem</b> someone means to save them by freeing them from sin and evil.	1 ... If you <b>redeem yourself</b> or your reputation, you do something that makes people have a good opinion of you again after you have behaved or performed badly. ... 2 ... When something <b>redeems</b> an unpleasant thing or situation, it prevents it from being completely bad. ... 3 ... If you <b>redeem</b> a debt or money that you have promised to someone, you pay money that you owe or that you promised to pay. ... 4 ... If you <b>redeem</b> an object that belongs to you, you get it back from someone by repaying them money that you borrowed from them, after using the object as a guarantee. ... 5 ... In religions such as Christianity, to <b>redeem</b> someone means to save them by freeing them from sin and evil.
<b>ski (n.)</b>	
1 <b>Skis</b> are long, flat, narrow pieces of wood, metal, or plastic that are fastened to boots so that you can move easily on snow or water.	1 <b>Skis</b> are long, flat, narrow pieces of wood, metal, or plastic that are fastened to boots so that you can move easily on snow or water.
<b>ski (v.)</b>	
2 When people <b>ski</b> , they move over snow or water on skis.	2 When people <b>ski</b> , they move over snow or water on skis.
<b>skill</b>	
1 A <b>skill</b> is a type of work or activity which requires special training and knowledge. ... 2 <b>Skill</b> is the knowledge and ability that enables you to do something well.	1 A <b>skill</b> is a type of work or activity which requires special training and knowledge. ... 2 <b>Skill</b> is the knowledge and ability that enables you to do something well.
<b>solitude</b>	
<b>Solitude</b> is the state of being alone, especially when this is peaceful and pleasant.	<b>Solitude</b> is the state of being alone, especially when this is peaceful and pleasant.
<b>steppe (n.)</b>	
<b>Steppes</b> are large areas of flat grassy land where there are no trees, especially the area that stretches from Eastern Europe across the south of the former Soviet Union to Siberia.	<b>Steppes</b> are large areas of flat grassy land where there are no trees, especially the area that stretches from Eastern Europe across the south of the former Soviet Union to Siberia.
<b>stifle (v.)</b>	
1 ... If someone <b>stifles</b> something you consider to be a good thing, they prevent it from continuing. ... 2 ... If you <b>stifle</b> a yawn or laugh, you prevent yourself from yawning or laughing. ... 3 ... If you <b>stifle</b> your natural feelings or behaviour, you prevent yourself from having those feelings or behaving in that way.	1 ... If someone <b>stifles</b> something you consider to be a good thing, they prevent it from continuing. ... 2 ... If you <b>stifle</b> a yawn or laugh, you prevent yourself from yawning or laughing. ... 3 ... If you <b>stifle</b> your natural feelings or behaviour, you prevent yourself from having those feelings or behaving in that way.
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>	
If you describe someone as <b>stingy</b> , you are criticizing them for being unwilling to spend money.	If you describe someone as <b>stingy</b> , you are criticizing them for being unwilling to spend money.
<b>stipend (n.)</b>	
1 ... A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid regularly, especially to a magistrate or a member of the clergy, as a salary or for their living	1 ... A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid regularly, especially to a magistrate or a member of the clergy, as a salary or for their living

expenses. ... 2 ... A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid to a student for their living expenses.	expenses. ... 2 ... A <b>stipend</b> is a sum of money that is paid to a student for their living expenses.
<b>Terylene</b>	
(no entry)	(no entry)
<b>trudge</b>	
If you <b>trudge</b> somewhere, you walk there slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are tired or unhappy.	If you <b>trudge</b> somewhere, you walk there slowly and with heavy steps, especially because you are tired or unhappy.
<b>trumpet</b>	
1 A <b>trumpet</b> is a musical instrument of the brass family which plays quite high notes.	1 A <b>trumpet</b> is a musical instrument of the brass family which plays quite high notes.
<b>wrench (n.)</b>	
4 ... If you say that leaving someone or something is a wrench, you feel very sad about it. ... 5 ... A <b>wrench</b> or a <b>monkey wrench</b> is an adjustable metal tool used for tightening or loosening metal nuts of different sizes.	4 ... If you say that leaving someone or something is a wrench, you feel very sad about it. ... 5 ... A <b>wrench</b> or a <b>monkey wrench</b> is an adjustable metal tool used for tightening or loosening metal nuts of different sizes.

Table VI. CALD<sup>1</sup>

CIDE / CALD1 (1995)	CALD2 (2005)	CALD3 (2008)	CALD4 (2013)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>			
(of the conditions in which someone lives) hopeless; of as low quality as possible ... (of a person or behaviour) not having any respect for yourself; not proud or brave	<b>abject misery / poverty / terror, etc.</b> when someone is extremely unhappy, poor, frightened, etc	<b>abject misery / poverty / terror, etc.</b> when someone is extremely unhappy, poor, frightened, etc ... 2 showing no PRIDE or respect for yourself	<b>abject misery / poverty / failure, etc.</b> the state of being extremely unhappy, poor, unsuccessful, etc. ... 2 showing no PRIDE or respect for yourself
<b>accuse (v.)</b>			
to blame (someone), saying that they have done something morally wrong, illegal, unpleasant or unkind	to say that someone has done something morally wrong, illegal or unkind ... <b>stand accused of sth</b> ... If you stand accused of doing something wrong, people say that you have done it	to say that someone has done something morally wrong, illegal or unkind ... <b>stand accused of sth</b> If you stand accused of doing something wrong, people say that you have done it	1 to say that someone has done something morally wrong, illegal or unkind ... 2. <b>stand accused of sth formal</b> If you stand accused of doing something wrong, people say that you have done it
<b>can (n.)</b>			
a closed metal container, esp. a cylindrical one in which some types of drink and food are sold ... A can might also be a larger metal container, esp. one with a lid, handle and shaped opening for pouring... ( <i>Am infml</i> ) <b>The can</b> is sometimes used to mean prison ... ( <i>Am infml</i> ) <b>The can</b> is sometimes also used to mean toilet ... ( <i>infml</i> ) If a film is <b>in the can</b> , filming has been completed and it is ready to be prepared for showing to the public. ( <i>infml</i> ) People sometimes refer to a difficult problem as a <b>can of worms</b> , esp. when it is a situation which they really do not want to deal with ... A <b>can opener</b> ( <i>Br</i> and <i>Aus</i> also <b>tin opener</b> ) is a tool for opening cans of food.	1 ( <i>UK ALSO tin</i> ) a closed metal container, especially a cylindrical one, in which some types of drink and food are sold ... 2 ( <i>UK ALSO tin</i> ) the amount of food or drink that is contained in a can ... 3 a metal container, especially one with a lid, handle and shaped opening for pouring ... <b>in the can informal</b> If a film is in the can, filming has been completed and it is ready to be prepared for showing to the public. <b>can of worms informal</b> a situation which causes a lot of problems for you when you start to deal with it	1 ( <i>UK ALSO tin</i> ) a closed metal container, especially a cylindrical one, in which some types of drink and food are sold ... 2 ( <i>UK ALSO tin</i> ) the amount of food or drink that is contained in a can ... 3 a metal container, especially one with a lid, handle and shaped opening for pouring 4 <b>the can US informal</b> for prison ... 5 <b>the can US informal</b> for toilet <b>IDIOMS can of worms informal</b> a situation which causes a lot of problems for you when you start to deal with it ... <b>in the can informal</b> If a film is in the can, filming has finished and it is ready to be prepared for showing to the public.	1 ... ( <i>UK also tin</i> ) a closed metal container, especially cylindrical-shaped, in which some types of drink and food are sold ... 2 ... ( <i>UK also tin</i> ) the amount of food or drink that is contained in a can ... 3 ... a metal container, especially one with a lid, handle, and shaped opening for pouring ... 4 <b>the can US informal</b> for prison ... 5 <b>the can US informal</b> for toilet <b>IDIOMS can of worms informal</b> a situation which causes a lot of problems for you when you start to deal with it ... <b>in the can informal</b> If a film is in the can, filming has finished and it is ready to be prepared for showing to the public.
<b>compulsory</b>			
A <b>compulsory purchase order</b> is a demand made by a public authority to buy land or property from a private owner in order to use the land for public purposes	If something is compulsory, you must do it because of a rule or law	If something is compulsory, you must do it because of a rule or law	If something is compulsory, you must do it because of a rule or law
<b>dimple (n.)</b>			
a small hollow place, esp. one which appears on a person's face when they smile and which is generally thought of as being attractive	a small hollow place, especially one which appears on a person's face when they smile	a small hollow place, especially one which appears on a person's face when they smile	a small hollow place, especially one which appears on a person's face when they smile
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>			
A person or their work might be described as distinguished if they or their work are respected because of their extremely high standard ... A person, esp. an older person, might be described as being distinguished in appearance if they look formal, stylish or wise	1 describes a respected and admired person, or their work ... 2 describes a person, especially an older person, who looks formal, stylish or wise	1 describes a respected and admired person, or their work ... 2 describes a person, especially an older person, who looks formal, stylish or wise	1 ... describes a respected and admired person, or their work ... 2 describes a person, especially an older person, who looks formal, stylish or wise
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>			
to cause (someone) to feel anxious or uncomfortable ... (humorous) You might say you or someone else is <b>financially</b> embarrassed to avoid saying that you / they do not have enough money	to cause someone to feel anxious or uncomfortable	to cause someone to feel nervous, worried or uncomfortable	to cause someone to feel nervous, worried or uncomfortable

<sup>1</sup> Due to homographing by senses in CIDE (1995), definitions of the same lexeme (e.g. **redeem v.**) located in different entries are presented in one cell.

<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>			
(no entry)	feeling ashamed or shy ... 2 <b>financially embarrassed</b> having no money	feeling ashamed or shy ... 2 <b>financially embarrassed</b> having no money	1 ... feeling ashamed or shy ... 2 <b>financially embarrassed</b> <i>humorous</i> having no money
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>			
(undefined)	making you feel embarrassed	making you feel embarrassed	making you feel embarrassed
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>			
(undefined)	when you feel embarrassed, or something that makes you feel embarrassed	when you feel embarrassed, or something that makes you feel embarrassed	the feeling of being embarrassed, or something that makes you feel embarrassed ... <b>IDIOM an embarrassment of riches</b> <i>formal</i> so many good things or people that it is impossible to decide which of them you want
<b>feather (n.)</b>			
one of the many very light objects with hair-like material along each side of a long thin central part which cover a bird's body ... A <b>feather duster</b> is a stick with feathers fixed to one end, used for cleaning dust esp. from delicate objects.	one of the many soft, light things which cover a bird's body, consisting of a long, thin central part with hair-like material along each side ... <b>be (as) light as a feather</b> to be very light in weight <b>a feather in your cap</b> an achievement to be proud of	one of the many soft, light things which cover a bird's body, consisting of a long, thin central part with material like hairs along each side ... idioms <b>be (as) light as a feather</b> to be very light in weight <b>a feather in your cap</b> an achievement to be proud of	one of the many soft, light things which cover a bird's body, consisting of a long, thin central part with material like hairs along each side ... <b>IDIOMS be (as) light as a feather</b> to be very light in weight <b>a feather in your cap</b> an achievement to be proud of
<b>gherkin</b>			
a small type of CUCUMBER (= a long green vegetable) which is often PICKLED (= preserved in a vinegar sauce)	a small type of CUCUMBER (= long thin green vegetable) which is often PICKLED (= kept in vinegar)	a small type of CUCUMBER (= long thin green vegetable) which is often PICKLED (= kept in vinegar)	a small type of CUCUMBER (= long, thin, green vegetable) that is often PICKLED (= preserved in VINEGAR)
<b>grout (n.)</b>			
(undefined)	(undefined)	MORTAR used for grouting	MORTAR used for grouting
<b>hard (adj)</b>			
SEVERE ... not pleasant or gentle; severe ... If a person is <b>hard on</b> someone, they treat them severely and look for their faults ... If someone is <b>hard on</b> a piece of clothing, they tend to damage it quickly ... ( <i>Br and Aus</i> ) If you feel <b>hard-done-by</b> , you believe that you have not been treated fairly ... You might express sympathy for someone over a small misfortune by saying <b>hard luck</b> ( <i>infml ought luck</i> or <i>Br hard lines</i> or <i>Br dated infml hard cheese</i> ) ... ( <i>infml</i> ) You might say to someone ( <b>that's</b> ) your <b>hard luck</b> if you think that it is their fault that something bad has happened to them ... Someone who is ( <b>as</b> ) <b>hard as nails</b> does not show or feel emotion ... <b>The hard way</b> means learning from unpleasant experiences rather than being taught ... <b>DIFFICULT</b> ( <i>sometimes disapproving</i> ) A <b>hard core</b> of a group or the <b>hard-core</b> members of a group are the people who strongly believe in its principles and usually have a lot of power in it ... <b>Hard-core</b> can also mean showing sexual acts clearly and in detail ... <b>Hard-core music</b> is very fast modern music in which drums and electric guitar are played very loudly. Someone who is <b>hard-headed</b> is not influenced by their emotions ... ( <i>disapproving</i> ) If someone is <b>hard-hearted</b> , they are not kind	SOLID ... firm and stiff; not easy to bend, cut or break ... • <b>be no hard and fast rules</b> If there are no hard and fast rules, there are no clear rules for you to follow. ... <b>DIFFICULT</b> difficult to understand, do, experience or deal with ... • <b>the hard way</b> a way of doing something which is unnecessarily difficult ... • <b>hard to swallow</b> difficult to believe ... USING EFFORT ... needing or using a lot of physical or mental effort ... • <b>hard at it</b> <i>UK INFORMAL</i> putting a lot of effort into what you are doing ... SEVERE ... 1 not pleasant or gentle; severe ... 2 <b>be hard on sb</b> to criticize someone severely, or to treat them unfairly ... • <b>feel hard done-by</b> ( <i>ALSO feel hard done-to</i> ) <i>UK</i> to feel that you have been treated unfairly ... • <b>Hard luck!</b> <i>MAINLY UK</i> used to express sympathy to someone because something slightly bad has happened ... • ( <b>that's</b> ) <b>your hard luck</b> <i>UK INFORMAL</i> said if you think that it is someone's own fault that something bad has happened to them ... • <b>take a hard line on sb/sth</b> to be very severe in the way that you deal with someone or something • <b>hard feelings</b> anger towards someone that you have argued with ... • <b>the hard way</b> If you learn something the hard way, you learn from unpleasant experiences rather than by being taught.	SOLID 1 ... firm and stiff; not easy to bend, cut or break ... <b>DIFFICULT</b> 2 E difficult to understand, do, experience or deal with ... USING EFFORT 3 ... needing or using a lot of physical or mental effort ... SEVERE 4 ... not pleasant or gentle; severe ... 5 <b>be hard on sb</b> to criticize someone severely, or to treat them unfairly ... <b>ALCOHOL</b> 6 describes a drink that contains a high level of alcohol ... <b>WATER</b> 7 describes water which contains a lot of <b>LIME</b> which prevents soap from cleaning <b>CLEAR</b> 8 ... able to be proven ... <b>WEATHER</b> 9 describes a time when there is bad weather ... <b>idioms be no hard and fast rules</b> If there are no hard and fast rules, there are no clear rules for you to follow. • <b>hard feelings</b> anger towards someone that you have argued with ... • <b>Hard luck!</b> <i>MAINLY UK</i> used to express sympathy to someone because something slightly bad has happened. ... • ( <b>that's</b> ) <b>you hard luck</b> <i>UK INFORMAL</i> said if you think that it is someone's own fault that something bad has happened to them ... • <b>hard to swallow</b> difficult to believe ... • <b>the hard way</b> 1 a way of doing something which is unnecessarily difficult ... 2 If you learn something the hard way, you learn from unpleasant experiences rather than by being taught ... • <b>take a hard line on sb/sth</b> to be very severe in the	SOLID 1 not easy to bend, cut, or break ... 2 difficult to understand, do, experience, or deal with ... 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<p>or sympathetic. ... <b>Hard labour</b> is a punishment for criminals, esp. used in the past, which involves a lot of tiring and often useless physical work. <b>Hard-line</b> beliefs or plans are those which are fixed and do not change ... (<i>infml disapproving</i>) A <b>hard-luck story</b> is a story or piece of information that someone tells you or writes about themselves which is intended to make you feel sad and sympathetic towards them. ...<b>Hard-nosed</b> means practical and determined ... (<i>esp. Br infml</i>) If someone is a <b>hard case / nut</b>, they are difficult to deal with and possibly angry and violent. ... <b>Hard porn</b> is PORNOGRAPHY (=books, films etc. showing sexual acts) which shows sex in a very detailed and often violent way. ... <b>Hard rock</b> is a type of ROCK music (=popular music) with a strong beat in which drums and electric guitars are played very loudly. If someone uses or tries the <b>hard sell</b>, they try to sell something to the buyer by being very forceful.</p>		<p><b>sb/sth</b> to be very severe in the way that you deal with someone or something.</p>	<p>way that you deal with someone or something.</p>
<b>hiccup (n.)</b>			
<p>the loud sound which is caused by a sudden tightening of a muscle just below the chest, usually happening repeatedly over a short period ... <b>The hiccups</b> or <b>an attack of (the) hiccups</b> is a situation in which this noise happens repeatedly ... A hiccup is also a problem which delays or interrupts something for a while, but which does not usually cause serious difficulties</p>	<p>a loud noise made in the throat caused by a sudden uncontrollable tightening of a muscle just below the chest, usually happening repeatedly over a short period ... <b>the hiccups</b> ... a series of hiccups ... a problem which delays or interrupts something for a while, but which does not usually cause serious difficulties</p>	<p>1 ... a loud noise made in the throat caused by a sudden uncontrollable tightening of a muscle just below the chest, usually happening repeatedly over a short period ... 2 <b>the hiccups</b> ... a series of hiccups ... 3 ... a problem which delays or interrupts something for a while, but which does not usually cause serious difficulties</p>	<p>1 ... a loud noise that you make in the throat without wanting to, caused by a sudden tightening of a muscle just below the chest and usually happening repeatedly 2 <b>the hiccups</b> ... a series of hiccups ... 3 ... a problem which delays or interrupts something for a while, but does not usually cause serious difficulties</p>
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>			
<p>a person from a mountainous area of the US who has a simple way of life and is considered to be slightly stupid by people living in towns and cities</p>	<p>a person from a mountainous area of the US who has a simple way of life and is considered to be slightly stupid by people living in towns and cities</p>	<p>a person from a MOUNTAINOUS area of the US who has a simple way of life and is considered to be slightly stupid by people living in towns and cities</p>	<p>a person from a MOUNTAINOUS area of the US who has a simple way of life and is considered to be slightly stupid by people living in towns and cities</p>
<b>hire (v.)</b>			
<p>to pay to use (something) for a short period or to pay (someone) to do a job temporarily, or (esp. Am) to start to employ (someone)</p>	<p>1 <b>UK (US rent)</b> to pay to use something for a short period ... 2 to employ someone to pay them to do a particular job</p>	<p>1 (US <b>rent</b>) to pay to use something for a short period ... 2 to employ someone to pay them to do a particular job</p>	<p>1 (US <b>rent</b>) to pay to use something for a short period ... 2 to employ someone or pay them to do a particular job ... <b>PHRASAL VERB hire sth/sb out</b> to allow someone to use something or someone temporarily in exchange for money</p>
<b>hobnob (n.)</b>			
<p>to spend time being friendly with someone who is important or famous</p>	<p>to spend time being friendly with someone who is important or famous</p>	<p>to spend time being friendly with someone who is important or famous</p>	<p>to spend time being friendly with someone who is important or famous</p>
<b>horde (n.)</b>			
<p>a large noisy and excited crowd</p>	<p>a large group of people</p>	<p>a large group of people</p>	<p>a large group of people</p>
<b>hormone (n.)</b>			
<p>any of various chemicals made by living cells which influence the development, growth, sex, etc. of an animal and are carried around the body in the blood</p>	<p>any of various chemicals made by living cells which influence the development, growth, sex, etc. of an animal and are carried around the body in the blood</p>	<p>any of various chemicals made by living cells which influence the development, growth, sex, etc. of an animal and are carried around the body in the blood</p>	<p>any of various chemicals made by living cells which influence the development, growth, sex, etc. of an animal and are carried around the body in the blood</p>

<b>instigate (v.)</b>			
<i>fml</i> to cause (an event or situation) to happen by making a set of actions or a formal process begin	<i>formal</i> to cause an even or situation to happen by making a set of actions or a formal process begin	<i>formal</i> to cause an event or situation to happen by making a set of actions or a formal process begin	<i>formal</i> to cause an event or situation to happen by making a set of actions or a formal process begin
<b>insult (v.)</b>			
(undefined)	to say or do something to someone that is rude or offensive	to say or do something to someone that is rude or offensive	to say or do something to someone that is rude or offensive
<b>loom (v.)</b>			
to appear, esp. seeming very large and without being clearly seen or in a threatening way, or ... (of something unpleasant) to be thought to be about to happen ... If something <b>looms large</b> it becomes important and often causes worry	to appear as a large, often frightening or unclear shape or object ... If an unwanted or unpleasant event looms, it seems likely to happen soon and causes worry ... <b>loom large</b> if something looms large, it becomes very important and often causes worry	1 to appear as a large, often frightening or UNCLEAR shape or object ... 2 If an unwanted or unpleasant event looms, it seems likely to happen soon and causes worry ... <b>loom large</b> if something looms large, it becomes very important and often causes worry	1 to appear as a large, often frightening or UNCLEAR shape or object ... 2 ... If an unwanted or unpleasant event looms, it seems likely to happen soon and causes worry ... <b>loom large</b> ... If something looms large, it becomes very important and often causes worry
<b>loophole (n.)</b>			
a chance to avoid doing something or to do something, esp. because of a mistake in the way rules or laws have been written	a chance to avoid doing something or to do something, esp. because of a mistake in the way rules or laws have been written	a small mistake in an agreement or law which gives someone the chance to avoid having to do something	a small mistake in an agreement or law which gives someone the chance to avoid having to do something
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>			
with one side bigger, higher, etc. than the other; not equally balanced	with one side bigger, higher, etc. than the other; not equally balanced	with one side bigger, higher, etc. than the other; not equally balanced	with one side bigger, higher, etc. than the other; not equally balanced
<b>inquisitive</b>			
(of a person or their behaviour) (too) eager to know a lot about people or things	wanting to discover as much as you can about things, sometimes in a way that annoys people	wanting to discover as much as you can about things, sometimes in a way that annoys people	wanting to discover as much as you can about things, sometimes in a way that annoys people
<b>inscrutable</b>			
(esp. of a person or their expression) not showing emotions or thoughts and therefore very difficult to understand or get to know	not showing emotions or thoughts and therefore very difficult to understand or get to know	(especially of a person or their expression) not showing emotions or thoughts and therefore very difficult to understand or get to know	(especially of a person or their expression) not showing emotions or thoughts and therefore very difficult to understand or get to know
<b>obfuscate</b>			
to make (something) less clear and harder to understand, esp. intentionally	to make something less clear and harder to understand, especially intentionally	to make something less clear and harder to understand, especially intentionally	to make something less clear and harder to understand, especially intentionally
<b>parrot (n.)</b>			
a bird with a curved beak and usually colourful feathers which is found mainly in tropical areas. There are many types of parrot, some of which can be trained to copy the human voice. ... ( <i>Br</i> ) If you learn or repeat a piece of text <b>parrot-fashion</b> you learn or repeat the exact words, usually without understanding them	a tropical bird with a curved beak, which is often kept as a pet and can be trained to copy the human voice	a tropical bird with a curved beak, which is often kept as a pet and can be trained to copy the human voice	a tropical bird with a curved beak, often kept as a pet and trained to copy the human voice
<b>permission</b>			
If someone is given permission to do something, they are allowed to do it.	If someone is given permission to do something, they are allowed to do it.	If someone is given permission to do something, they are allowed to do it	If someone is given permission to do something, they are allowed to do it
<b>persuade</b>			
to make (someone) do or believe something by giving them a good reason to do it or by talking to them and making them believe it	to make someone do or believe something by giving them a good reason to do it or by talking to them and making them believe it	to make someone do or believe something by giving them a good reason to do it or by talking to them and making them believe it	to make someone do or believe something by giving them a good reason to do it or by talking to them and making them believe it
<b>potential (adj.)</b>			
possible when the necessary conditions exist	possible when the necessary conditions exist	possible when the necessary conditions exist	possible when the necessary conditions exist
<b>powder (n.)</b>			
a solid substance that consists of extremely small pieces, is soft and easy to divide, and tends to have the same shape as the	1 a solid substance that consists of extremely small pieces, is soft and easy to divide, and tends to have the same shape as	a solid substance that consists of extremely small pieces, is soft and easy to divide, and often has the same shape as the container	1 ... a solid substance that consists of extremely small pieces, is soft and easy to divide, and often has the same shape as

container that it is in ... Powder is also a type of make-up which is spread over the skin of the face, often after a layer of FOUNDATION, in order to stop the skin from looking oily ... Powder is also fallen snow that is loose and has not begun to melt ... A <b>powder keg</b> is a situation or a place that could easily become extremely dangerous ... A <b>powder puff</b> is a round piece of soft material which is used for putting powder, often with a sweet smell, on the face or body. A <b>powder room</b> is a usually clean and comfortable room in a public place such as a hotel, restaurant or theatre where women can go to the toilet, wash, put on make-up, etc	the container that it is in ... 2 a soft dry substance which is spread over the skin of the face, in order to stop the skin from looking oily ... 3 fallen snow that is loose and dry and has not begun to melt	that it is in ... 2 a soft dry substance which is spread over the skin of the face, in order to stop the skin from looking oily ... 3 fallen snow that is loose and dry and has not begun to melt	the container that it is in ... 2 ... a soft, dry substance that is spread over the skin of the face, in order to stop the skin from looking shiny ... 3 ... fallen snow that is loose and dry and has not begun to melt
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>			
a very small dense star that sends out radio waves	a very small dense star that sends out radio waves	a very small DENSE (= heavy in relation to its size) star that sends out radio waves	a very small DENSE (= heavy in relation to its size) star that sends out radio waves
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>			
(of a smell or taste) very strong, sometimes in an unpleasant way, or ... (of speech or writing) very strongly felt and expressed and often critical	1 describes a very strong smell or taste, sometimes one that is unpleasantly strong ... 2 ... describes speech or writing that is very strongly felt	1 describes a very strong smell or taste, sometimes one that is unpleasantly strong ... 2 ... describes speech or writing that is very strongly felt	1 describes a very strong smell or taste, sometimes one that is unpleasantly strong ... 2 ... describes speech or writing that is very strongly felt
<b>quandary (n.)</b>			
a state of not being able to decide what to do about a situation in which you are involved	a state of not being able to decide what to do about a situation in which you are involved	a state of not being able to decide what to do about a situation in which you are involved	a state of not being able to decide what to do about a situation in which you are involved
<b>rancid</b>			
(of butter, oil, etc.) tasting or smelling unpleasant because not fresh	(of butter, oil, etc.) tasting or smelling unpleasant because not fresh	(of butter, oil, etc.) tasting or smelling unpleasant because not fresh	(of butter, oil, etc.) tasting or smelling unpleasant because of not being fresh
<b>rattan</b>			
(no entry)	(no entry)	1 a tropical climbing plant with thin, tough stems 2 these stems used as a material for making WICKER furniture, or furniture made from them	1 a tropical climbing plant with thin, tough stems 2 these stems used as a material for making WICKER furniture, or furniture made from them
<b>redeem (v.)</b>			
to make something or someone (seem) less bad ...to get (something) back ... to fulfil (a promise) or pay back (a debt) ... (in Christianity) to free people from SIN	to make something or someone seem less bad ...to get (something) back ... to get something back ... <b>redeem a coupon / voucher, etc.</b> to exchange a piece of paper representing a particular sum of money for that amount of money or for goods to this value ... (in Christianity) to free people from SIN OFFENCE	1 ... to make something or someone seem less bad ... 2 ... to get (something) back ... 3 ... <b>redeem a coupon / voucher, etc.</b> to exchange a piece of paper representing a particular sum of money for that amount of money or for goods to this value ... 4 ... to carry out a promise or pay back a debt ... 5 ... (in Christianity) to free people from SIN	1 ... to make something or someone seem less bad ... 2 ... to get something back ... 3 ... <b>redeem a coupon / voucher, etc.</b> to exchange a piece of paper representing a particular amount of money for that amount of money or for goods to this value ... 4 ... to carry out a promise or pay back a debt ... 5 ... (in Christianity) to free people from SIN
<b>ski (n.)</b>			
either of a pair of long, flat narrow pieces of wood, metal or plastic, which curve up at the front, and are fastened to boots so that the wearer can move quickly and smoothly over snow	one of a pair of long flat narrow pieces of wood or plastic, which curve up at the front, and are fastened to boots so that the wearer can move quickly and easily over snow	one of a pair of long, flat narrow pieces of wood or plastic, which curve up at the front, and are fastened to boots so that the wearer can move quickly and easily over snow	one of a pair of long, flat, narrow pieces of wood or plastic, which curve up at the front, and are fastened to boots so that the wearer can move quickly and easily over snow
<b>ski (v.)</b>			
<i>I'm learning to ski</i> (=to move over snow on SKIS)	to move over snow on skis	to move over snow on skis	to move over snow on skis
<b>skill (n.)</b>			
a special ability to do something	an ability to do an activity or job well, especially because you have practised it	an ability to do an activity or job well, especially because you have practised it	1 having the abilities needed to do an activity or job well ... 2 Skilled work needs someone who has had special training to

			do it
<b>solitude (n.)</b>			
the situation of being alone without other people	the situation of being alone without other people	the situation of being alone without other people	the situation of being alone without other people
<b>steppe (n.)</b>			
(a large area of) land with grass but no trees	a large area of land with grass but no trees, especially in southeastern Europe, Russia and northern Asia	a large area of land with grass but no trees, especially in southeastern Europe, Russia and northern Asia	a large area of land with grass but no trees, especially in southeastern Europe, Russia and northern Asia
<b>stifle (n.)</b>			
to (cause to) be unable to breathe because of a lack of air	to (cause to) be unable to breathe because of a lack of air ... to prevent something from happening, being expressed or continuing	to (cause to) be unable to breathe because you have no air ... 2 ... to prevent something from happening, being expressed or continuing	to (cause to) be unable to breathe because you have no air ... 2 ... to prevent something from happening, being expressed or continuing
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>			
unwilling to spend money	unwilling to spend money	unwilling to spend money	unwilling to spend money
<b>stipend (n.)</b>			
a fixed regular income ... In Britain, a stipend is usually the income paid to a priest.	1 a fixed regular income ... 2 the income paid to a priest in the UK	1 a fixed regular income ... 2 the income paid to a priest in the UK	1 a fixed regular income ... 2 the income paid to a priest in the UK
<b>Terylene</b>			
(cloth made from) an artificial fibre	(cloth made from) an artificial fibre	(cloth made from) an artificial material	(cloth made from) an artificial material
<b>trudge (v.)</b>			
to walk slowly with a lot of effort, esp. over a difficult surface or while carrying something heavy	to walk slowly with a lot of effort, especially over a difficult surface of while carrying something heavy	to walk slowly with a lot of effort, especially over a difficult surface or while carrying something heavy	to walk slowly with a lot of effort, especially over a difficult surface or while carrying something heavy ... <b>PHRASAL VERB trudge through sth</b> <i>humorous</i> to do work or a particular task slowly and with effort or difficulty
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>			
a BRASS musical instrument consisting of a metal tube with one narrow end, into which the player blows, and one wide end. Three buttons are used to change notes.	a brass musical instrument consisting of a metal tube with one narrow end, into which the player blows, and one wide end. Three buttons are pressed in order to change notes.	a BRASS musical instrument consisting of a metal tube with one narrow end, into which the player blows, and one wide end. Three buttons are pressed in order to change notes.	a BRASS musical instrument consisting of a metal tube with one narrow end, into which the player blows, and one wide end. Three buttons are pressed in order to change notes.
<b>wrench (n.)</b>			
A wrench is a sudden, violent twist or pull ... If the act of leaving someone or somewhere is a wrench, it is difficult to do because it makes you unhappy ... Wrench is another word for SPANNER, esp. one which can be made larger or smaller for holding and turning objects of different sizes	1 ... a sudden, violent twist or pull 2 ... a feeling of unhappiness when you have to leave a person or place that you love ... a SPANNER, usually one which can be made larger or smaller for holding and turning objects of different sizes	1 ... a SPANNER, usually one which can be made larger or smaller for holding and turning objects of different sizes ... 2 a sudden, violent twist or pull ... 3 a feeling of unhappiness when you have to leave a person or place that you love	1... a SPANNER, usually one that can be made larger or smaller for holding and turning objects of different sizes ... 2 ... a sudden, violent twist or pull ... 3 a feeling of unhappiness when you have to leave a person or place that you love

Table VII. MEDAL

MEDAL1 (2002)	MEDAL2 (2007)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>	
complete: used for emphasizing how bad, unpleasant, or severe a situation or condition is	complete: used for emphasizing how bad, unpleasant, or severe a situation or condition is
<b>accuse (v.)</b>	
to say that someone has done something wrong or committed a crime	to say that someone has done something wrong or committed a crime
<b>can (n.)</b>	
1 a closed metal container with round sides, for food or drinks. It is opened with a <b>can opener</b> . In British English the word tin is usually used if a can contains food, but not if it contains a drink: ... 1a. a metal container with round sides and a lid, used especially for holding liquids ... 1b. SPRAY CAN ... 1c. the amount of food, drink, paint etc that a metal container holds ... 2 <b>the can</b> <i>Am E informal</i> a prison 3 <b>the can</b> <i>Am E informal</i> a toilet ... <b>a can of worms</b> a situation that involves a complicated set of problems that you discover when you start dealing with it ... <b>in the can</b> ... if a piece of work, especially a film, is in the can, it has been finished	1 a closed metal container with round sides, for food or drinks. It is opened with a <b>can opener</b> . In British English the word tin is usually used if a can contains food, but not if it contains a drink: ... 1a. a metal container with round sides and a lid, used especially for holding liquids ... 1b. SPRAY CAN ... 1c. the amount of food, drink, paint etc that a metal container holds ... 2 <b>the can</b> <i>Am E informal</i> a prison 3 <b>the can</b> <i>Am E informal</i> a toilet ... <b>a can of worms</b> a situation that involves a complicated set of problems that you discover when you start dealing with it ... <b>in the can</b> ... if a piece of work, especially a film, is in the can, it has been finished
<b>compulsory</b>	
something that is compulsory must be done because of a rule or law ...	something that is compulsory must be done because of a rule or law ...
<b>dimple (n.)</b>	
1 a small area on your cheek, chin etc that goes inwards. Dimples are often considered attractive. 2 a small area on the surface of something that goes inwards	1 a small area on your cheek, chin etc that goes inwards. Dimples are often considered attractive. 2 a small area on the surface of something that goes inwards
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>	
1 successful and respected by many people ... 2 looking impressive and as if you deserve respect. This word is not usually used to describe young people	1 successful and respected by many people ... 2 looking impressive and as if you deserve respect. This word is not usually used to describe young people
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>	
1 to make someone feel nervous, ashamed, or stupid in a social situation ... 2 to cause problems for someone, especially an organization or politician	1 to make someone feel nervous, ashamed, or stupid in a social situation ... 2 to cause problems for someone, especially an organization or politician
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>	
ashamed of something, and worried about what other people will think of you ... a. making you feel uncomfortable because you do not know what to say or do	ashamed of something and worried about what other people will think of you ... a. making you feel uncomfortable because you do not know what to say or do
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>	
1 making you feel nervous, ashamed, or stupid ... 1a. used for describing something that is very bad ... 2 causing problems for someone, especially an organization or politician	1 making you feel nervous, ashamed, or stupid = PAINFUL ... 1a. used for describing something that is very bad ... 2 causing problems for someone, especially an organization or politician
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>	
1 ... a feeling of being nervous or ashamed because of what people know or think about you ... 1a. ... someone or something that makes you feel ashamed ... 2 ... someone or something that causes problems for an organization or politician ... <b>an embarrassment of riches</b> so many good things that it is difficult to choose between them	1 ... a feeling of being nervous or ashamed because of what people know or think about you ... 1a. ... someone or something that makes you feel ashamed ... 2 ... someone or something that causes problems for an organization or politician ... <b>an embarrassment of riches</b> so many good things that it is difficult to choose between them
<b>feather (n.)</b>	
one of the narrow tubes with thin soft hairs on each side that cover a bird's body a. ... filled with feathers ... <b>a feather in your cap</b> an achievement that you can feel pleased and satisfied about	one of the narrow tubes with thin soft hairs on each side that cover a bird's body a. ... filled with feathers ... <b>a feather in your cap</b> an achievement that you can feel pleased and satisfied about
<b>gherkin</b>	
a small green vegetable preserved in VINEGAR and eaten cold with meals	a small green vegetable preserved in VINEGAR and eaten cold with meals
<b>grout (n.)</b>	
a substance used for filling the spaces between TILES	a substance used for filling the spaces between TILES
<b>hard (adj.)</b>	
1 stiff, firm, and not easy to bend or break ... 2 difficult to do ... 2a. involving a lot of effort ... 3 unpleasant and full of problems ... 4 strong and not easily frightened ... 5 unkind or cruel ... 6 using a lot of physical force ... 7 hard water does not mix easily with soap because it contains a lot of MINERALS 8 a hard winter is a very cold winter 8a. a hard FROST is very severe 9 [only before noun] hard facts are certain and can be proved ... <b>as hard as nails</b> <i>informal</i> 1 very strong and good at fighting 2 tending not to feel sympathy or other positive emotions <b>be hard on sth</b> <i>informal</i> to cause damage to something ... <b>do sth the hard way</b> to have a bad experience doing something, often when this is your own fault <b>give sb a hard time</b> <i>informal</i> to be unpleasant to someone or criticize them a lot <b>hard at it</b> <i>informal</i> doing something in a fast busy way	1 stiff, firm, and not easy to bend or break ... 2 difficult to do ... 2a. involving a lot of effort ... 3 unpleasant and full of problems ... 4 strong and not easily frightened ... 5 unkind or cruel ... 6 using a lot of physical force ... 7 hard water does not mix easily with soap because it contains a lot of MINERALS 8 a hard winter is a very cold winter 8a. a hard FROST is very severe 9 [only before noun] hard facts are certain and can be proved ... <b>as hard as nails</b> <i>informal</i> 1 very strong and good at fighting 2 tending not to feel sympathy or other positive emotions <b>be hard on sth</b> <i>informal</i> to cause damage to something ... <b>do sth the hard way</b> to have a bad experience doing something, often when this is your own fault <b>give sb a hard time</b> <i>informal</i> to be unpleasant to someone or criticize them a lot <b>hard at it</b> <i>informal</i> doing something in a fast busy way

<p><b>hard at work</b> working with a lot of effort  <b>hard going</b> <i>informal</i> very difficult and needing a lot of effort  <b>hard luck</b> <i>Br E spoken</i> 1 used for saying that you feel sympathy for someone because something bad has happened to them 2 used for saying that you do not feel any sympathy about something bad that has happened to someone  <b>hard right / left</b> a turn directly to the right or left ...  <b>the hard stuff</b> <i>informal</i> strong alcoholic drinks  <b>hard to come by</b> <i>informal</i> difficult to find or get ...  <b>hard to take / swallow</b> difficult to accept or deal with ...  <b>learn the hard way</b> to learn how to do something by trying to do it and making a lot of mistakes  <b>no hard feelings</b> <i>spoken</i> used for telling someone that you are not angry with them after an argument or disagreement  <b>take a hard line</b> to deal with something in a very firm or strict way and refuse to change your opinion or decision.</p>	<p><b>hard at work</b> working with a lot of effort  <b>hard right/left</b> a turn directly to the right or left  <b>the hard stuff</b> <i>informal</i> strong alcoholic drinks  <b>hard to take / swallow</b> difficult to accept or deal with  <b>learn the hard way</b> to learn how to do something by trying to do it and making a lot of mistakes  <b>no hard feelings</b> <i>spoken</i> used for telling someone that you are not angry with them after an argument or disagreement  <b>take a hard line</b> to deal with someone or something in a very firm or strict way and refuse to change your opinion or decision.</p>
<b>hiccup (n.)</b>	
1 a short repeated sound that you make in your throat without intending to, usually because you have been eating or drinking too quickly 1 a. <b>get / have (the) hiccups</b> to start making hiccup sounds and not be able to stop ... 2 ... a small problem, or a problem that causes a short delay	1 a short repeated sound that you make in your throat without intending to, usually because you have been eating or drinking too quickly 2 ... a small problem, or a problem that causes a short delay ... <b>get / have (the) hiccups</b> to start making hiccup sounds and not be able to stop
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>	
someone who lives in the countryside, especially someone who is not very well educated	someone who lives in the countryside, especially someone who is not very well educated
<b>hire (v.)</b>	
1 ... <i>Br E</i> if you hire something, such as a car, room, or piece of equipment, you pay the owner so that you can use it, usually for a short time ... 2 ... to pay someone to work for you: EMPLOY ... 3 <b>hire or hire out</b> ... <i>Br E spoken</i> to let someone use something temporarily in return for money. <i>Am E usually to rent something out ... hire out</i> phrasal vb ... 1 <i>Br E same as hire'</i> ... 2. to send someone to work for other people for short periods of time in return for payment	1 ... <i>Br E</i> if you hire something, such as a car, room, or piece of equipment, you pay the owner so that you can use it, usually for a short time ... 2 ... to pay someone to work for you: EMPLOY ... 3 <b>hire or hire out</b> ... <i>Br E spoken</i> to let someone use something temporarily in return for money. <i>Am E usually to rent something out ... hire out</i> phrasal vb ... 1 <i>Br E same as hire'</i> ... 2. to send someone to work for other people for short periods of time in return for payment
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>	
to spend time talking to rich or famous people	to spend time talking to rich or famous people
<b>horde (n.)</b>	
a large number of people	a large number of people
<b>hormone (n.)</b>	
a natural substance produced by your body that controls important physical processes such as those relating to growth and sexual development	a chemical substance produced in animals and plants that controls things such as growth and sexual development
<b>inquisitive</b>	
1 asking a lot of questions about things, especially things that people do not want to talk about ... 2 keen to learn about a lot of different things	1 asking a lot of questions about things, especially things that people do not want to talk about ... 2 keen to learn about a lot of different things
<b>instigate (v.)</b>	
<i>formal</i> to make something start, especially an official process	<i>formal</i> to make something start, especially an official process
<b>inscrutable</b>	
if someone is inscrutable, it is impossible to understand what they are thinking or feeling from their expression or from what they say	if someone is inscrutable, it is impossible to understand what they are thinking or feeling from their expression or from what they say
<b>insult (v.)</b>	
to say or do something offensive ... a. <b>insult sb's intelligence</b> to treat someone as if they are stupid	to say or do something offensive ... a. <b>insult sb's intelligence</b> to treat someone as if they are stupid
<b>loom (v.)</b>	
1 ... to appear as a large shape that is not clear, usually in a threatening way ... 2 if something unpleasant or difficult looms, it seems likely to happen soon ... <b>loom large</b> 1 to have a lot of importance or influence over someone or something ... 2 if something unpleasant or difficult looms large, it seems certain to happen	1 ... to appear as a large shape that is not clear, usually in a threatening way ... 2 if something unpleasant or difficult looms, it seems likely to happen soon ... <b>loom large</b> 1 to have a lot of importance or influence over someone or something ... 2 if something unpleasant or difficult looms large, it seems certain to happen
<b>loophole (n.)</b>	
something that has been left out of a law or legal document that people can use to avoid obeying it	something that has been left out of a law or legal document that people can use to avoid obeying it
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>	
1 not equal 2 not even or level because one side is larger, higher, or heavier than the other	1 not equal 2 not even or level because one side is larger, higher, or heavier than the other = UNEVEN
<b>obfuscate</b>	
to deliberately make something confusing or difficult to understand	to deliberately make something confusing or difficult to understand
<b>parrot (n.)</b>	
a brightly coloured tropical bird that is often kept as a pet and can be taught to say a few words	a brightly coloured tropical bird that is often kept as a pet and can be taught to say a few words
<b>permission</b>	
the right to do something that is given to you by someone in authority ...	the right to do something that is given to you by someone in authority ...

<b>persuade</b>	
1 to make someone agree to do something by giving them reasons why they should ... 1a. to cause someone to do something by being a good reason for doing it ... 2 to make someone believe that something is true: CONVINCING ...	1 to make someone agree to do something by giving them reasons why they should ... 1a. to cause someone to do something by being a good reason for doing it ... 2 to make someone believe that something is true: CONVINCING ...
<b>potential (adj.)</b>	
possible or likely in the future	possible or likely in the future
<b>powder (n.)</b>	
a soft dry substance that looks like dust or sand ... a. MAKEUP in the form of powder, used on your face or body	a soft dry substance that looks like dust or sand ... a. MAKEUP in the form of powder, used on your face or body
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>	
a type of star in space that produces a regular radio signal	a type of star in space that produces a regular radio signal
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>	
1 a pungent taste or smell is very strong and sharp 2 pungent comments or remarks criticize something in a direct and effective way	1 a pungent taste or smell is very strong and sharp 2 pungent comments or remarks criticize something in a direct and effective way
<b>quandary (n.)</b>	
<b>be in a quandary</b> not to be certain what decision to take about something	<b>be in a quandary</b> to be not certain what decision to take about something
<b>rancid</b>	
rancid food contains fats or oils that are no longer fresh and have an unpleasant taste and smell	rancid food contains fats or oils that are no longer fresh and have an unpleasant taste and smell
<b>rattan</b>	
a plant with long thin stems, used for making WICKER furniture	a plant with long thin stems, used for making WICKER furniture
<b>redeem (v.)</b>	
1 to improve something that is not very good by including something that is good ... 1a. <b>redeem yourself</b> to do something good because you have behaved badly, so that people will think you are a good person again ... 2 to get money by selling SHARES that you own in a company 3 to use a VOUCHER (= a piece of paper worth a particular amount) to pay for something 4 to get an object back by paying someone the money that they paid you for it, especially when the money was a type of LOAN ... 4a. to pay back all the money you have borrowed ... 5 to make someone free from the power of evil, especially in the Christian religion <b>redeem a promise / an obligation</b> ... to do something that you promised to do	1 to improve something that is not very good by including something that is good ... 2 to get money by selling SHARES that you own in a company 3 to use a VOUCHER (= a piece of paper worth a particular amount) to pay for something = CASH IN 4 to get an object again by paying someone the money that they paid you for it, especially when the money was a type of LOAN ... 4a. to give all the money that you have borrowed ... 5 to make someone free from the power of evil, especially in the Christian religion ... <b>redeem a promise / an obligation</b> ... to do something that you promised to do <b>redeem yourself</b> to do something good because you have behaved badly, so that people will think you are a good person again
<b>ski (n.)</b>	
1 a long thin object that you fix to your boot so you can slide easily over snow ... 2 a long thin piece of metal on the bottom of a vehicle that lets it move over snow	1 a long thin object that you fix to your boot so you can slide easily over snow ... 2 a long thin piece of metal on the bottom of a vehicle that lets it move over snow
<b>ski (v.)</b>	
to slide over snow on skis, as a sport or as a way of travelling	to slide over snow on skis, as a sport or as a way of travelling
<b>skill (n.)</b>	
the ability to do something well, usually as a result of experience and training ... a. ... a particular ability that involves special training and experience	the ability to do something well, usually as a result of experience and training ... a. ... a particular ability that involves special training and experience
<b>solitude (n.)</b>	
the state of being completely alone, especially when this is pleasant or relaxing	the state of being completely alone, especially when this is pleasant or relaxing
<b>steppe (n.)</b>	
<b>the steppes</b> ... an area of hot dry land covered in grass that covers wide areas of Russia and Asia	<b>the steppes</b> ... an area of hot dry land covered in grass that covers wide areas of Russia and Asia
<b>stifle (v.)</b>	
1 ... to stop someone from breathing: SUFFOCATE 1a. ... to find it difficult to breathe 2 ... to stop something from developing normally ... 3 ... to stop yourself from doing something that shows how you feel	1 ... to stop someone from breathing: SUFFOCATE 1a. ... to find it difficult to breathe 2 ... to stop something from developing normally ... 3 ... to stop yourself from doing something that shows how you feel
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>	
unwilling to spend, give, or use a lot of money: MEAN	unwilling to spend, give, or use a lot of money = MEAN
<b>stipend (n.)</b>	
money paid regularly to someone, especially a priest or MAGISTRATE	money paid regularly to someone, especially a priest
<b>Terylene</b>	
a thin cloth made from artificial fibre that stays smooth	(no entry)
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>	
1 a musical instrument that is a curved metal tube with a wide end. You play it by blowing into it as you press buttons on the top. Someone who plays the trumpet is called a <b>trumpeter</b> or a <b>trumpet player</b> . 1a. something shaped like the wide end of a trumpet	1 a musical instrument that is a curved metal tube with a wide end. You play it by blowing into it as you press buttons on the top. Someone who plays the trumpet is called a <b>trumpeter</b> or a <b>trumpet player</b> . 1a. something shaped like the wide end of a trumpet
<b>trudge (v.)</b>	
to walk somewhere with slow heavy steps	to walk somewhere with slow heavy steps
<b>wrench (n.)</b>	
1 a strong movement of pulling and twisting something ... 2 a feeling	1 a strong movement of pulling and twisting something ... 2 a feeling

of sadness caused by leaving a place or a person that you love, or by hearing sad or shocking news ... 3 a SPANNER 3a. an  
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Table VIII. MWALED

<b>MWALED 2008</b>	
<b>abject (adj.)</b>	
1 : extremely bad or severe ... 2 a : very humble : feeling or showing shame ... b : very weak : lacking courage or strength	
<b>accuse (v.)</b>	
to blame (someone) for something wrong or illegal : to say that someone is guilty of a fault or crime	
<b>can (n.)</b>	
1 a : a closed metal container that is usually shaped like a cylinder and that holds food or drink ... b : the food or drink that is in a can ... 2 a : a metal or plastic container that has a removable top and that is used for holding liquid, trash, etc. ... b : SPRAY CAN ... <b>can of worms</b> : a complicated situation in which doing something to correct a problem leads to many more problems ... <b>carry the can</b> <i>Brit, informal</i> : to accept blame or responsibility for something that you did not cause ... <b>in the can</b> <i>of a film, recording, etc.</i> : completed and ready to be released ... <b>the can</b> <i>US, informal</i> 1 : the part of the body that you sit on : BUTTOCKS ... 2 a : a room with a toilet : BATHROOM ... b : TOILET ... 3 : a prison or jail	
<b>compulsory</b>	
1 : required by a law or rule ... 2 : having the power of forcing someone to do something	
<b>dimple (n.)</b>	
1 : a small area on a part of a person's body (such as the cheek or chin) that naturally curves in ... 2 : a small area on a surface that curves in	
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>	
1 : known by many people because of some quality or achievement ... 2 : making someone seem important and worth respect	
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>	
1 : to make (someone) feel confused and foolish in front of other people ... 2 : to make (a person, group, government, etc.) look foolish in public	
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>	
(no definition)	
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>	
(no definition)	
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>	
1 ... : the state of feeling foolish in front of others ... 2 ... : something or someone that causes a person or group to look or feel foolish ... 3 ... : a very large number of things from which to choose	
<b>feather (n.)</b>	
any one of the light growths that make up the outer covering of the body of a bird ... <b>a feather in your cap</b> : an achievement or honor that you can be proud of ... <b>of a feather</b> : of the same kind or nature ... The expression <b>birds of a feather flock together</b> means that people who are alike tend to do things together.	
<b>gherkin</b>	
a small cucumber that is used to make pickles	
<b>grout (n.)</b>	
material used for filling spaces or cracks between tiles	
<b>hard (adj.)</b>	
1 : very firm or solid : not easy to bend, cut, etc. : not soft ... 2 : physically or mentally difficult : not easy ... 3 a : difficult to experience : severe or harsh ... : having a lot of pain, trouble, or worries ... <b>Hard times</b> are times when there is a lot of trouble, poverty, worry, or failure. ... b : having a harmful or destructive effect ... 4 : working or doing something with a lot of energy ... 5 : very forceful ... : quick and forceful ... 6 : done with a lot of careful thought and attention : thorough or intense ... 7 : able to be clearly seen and measured : not able to be questioned or doubted ... <b>8 a</b> : not seeming to care about other people or to feel kindness or affection ... b : not gentle or friendly ... 9 : holding extreme political views ... 10 : relating to serious matters ... 11 a : containing a large amount of alcohol ... b : containing alcohol ... 12 : powerful and extremely harmful to the health ... 13 <i>of water</i> : containing many minerals and therefore unable to make bubbles with soap ... 14 : having clear, sharp lines ... 15 : very bright and unpleasant ... 16 : sounding like the "c" in "cold" or the "g" in "geese" ... 17 <i>informal</i> : physically strong ... <b>hard feelings</b> 1 If you have hard feelings, you feel dislike or anger toward someone who you think has mistreated you. ... 2 The phrase no hard feelings is used in speech to say that you are not upset or to ask if someone else is upset. ... <b>hard on</b> 1 a : causing damage or strain to (something) ... b : causing stress or worry to (someone) ... 2 : treating or judging (someone) in a harsh or critical way ... <b>hard up</b> <i>informal</i> 1 : lacking money ... 2 : having not enough of something -- + for ... <b>have a hard time</b> If you have a hard time doing something or with something, it is difficult for you. ... <b>the hard way</b> : in a way that involves difficult or painful experiences	
<b>hiccup (n.)</b>	
1 a ... : a sound in your throat that is caused by a sudden, uncontrolled movement of muscles in your chest after you have eaten or drunk too much or too quickly b <b>hiccups</b> ... : a condition in which you make hiccups repeatedly ... 2 ... : a small problem, change, or delay	
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>	
a person who lives in the country far away from cities and who is often regarded as someone who lacks education, who is stupid, etc.	
<b>hire (v.)</b>	
1 a <i>chiefly US</i> : to give work or a job to (someone) in exchange for wages or a salary ... b : to use or get the services of (someone) to do a particular job 2 <i>chiefly Brit</i> : to pay to use (something) : RENT ... <b>hire out</b> 1 <b>hire out (something) or hire (something) out</b> <i>chiefly Brit</i> : to allow someone to use (something) in exchange for money ... 2 <b>hire out or hire (yourself) out</b> <i>US informal</i> : to take a job : to work for wages or a salary	
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>	
to spend time with someone (such as a famous or wealthy person) in a friendly way	
<b>horde (n.)</b>	
a large group of people	
<b>hormone (n.)</b>	
a natural substance that is produced in the body and that influences the way the body grows or develops	
<b>inquisitive</b>	
1 : tending to ask questions : having a desire to know or learn more ... 2 <i>disapproving</i> : asking too many questions about other people's lives	
<b>instigate (v.)</b>	
to cause (something) to happen or begin	
<b>inscrutable</b>	

difficult to understand : causing people to feel curious or confused
<b>insult (v.)</b>
to do or say something that is offensive to (someone) : to do or say something that shows a lack of respect for (someone)
<b>loom (v.)</b>
1 : to appear in a large, strange, or frightening form often in a sudden way ... to appear in an impressively large or great form ... 2 : to be close to happening : to be about to happen – used especially of unpleasant or frightening things ... <b>loom large</b> : to have great importance or influence
<b>loophole (n.)</b>
an error in the way a law, rule, or contract is written that makes it possible for some people to legally avoid obeying it
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>
1 : having one side that is lower or smaller than the other ... 2 : uneven or unequal
<b>obfuscate</b>
to make (something) more difficult to understand
<b>parrot (n.)</b>
a bright-colored tropical bird that has a curved bill and the ability to imitate speech
<b>permission</b>
the right or ability to do something that is given by someone who has the power to decide if it will be allowed or permitted
<b>persuade</b>
1 : to cause (someone) to do something by asking, arguing, or giving reasons ... 2 : to cause (someone) to believe something: CONVINCED
<b>potential (adj.)</b>
capable of becoming real : POSSIBLE
<b>powder (n.)</b>
1 : a dry substance made up of very tiny pieces of something ... 2 : a very fine, dry substance that is put on your body or face especially to make it dry or less shiny ... 3 : snow that is very light and dry ... 4 : GUNPOWDER ... <b>keep your powder dry old-fashioned</b> : be calm and ready for a possible problem in the future <b>take a powder US, informal old-fashioned</b> : to leave suddenly and quickly
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>
a type of star that gives off a rapidly repeating series of radio waves
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>
1 : having a strong, sharp taste or smell ... 2 : having a strong effect on the mind because of being clever and direct
<b>quandary (n.)</b>
a situation in which you are confused about what to do
<b>rancid</b>
1 <i>of food</i> : having a strong and unpleasant smell or taste from no longer being fresh
<b>rattan</b>
a plant with very long, strong stems that are woven together to make baskets, furniture, etc.
<b>redeem (v.)</b>
1 : to make (something that is bad, unpleasant, etc.) better or more acceptable ... 2 : to exchange (something, such as a coupon or lottery ticket) for money, an award, etc. ... 3 : to buy back (something, such as a stock or bond) ... 4 : to pay back (money that is owed) ... 5 ... to do what is required by (a pledge or a promise) : FULFILL ... 6 ... : to save (people) from sin and evil ... <b>redeem yourself</b> : to succeed or do something good after you have failed or done something bad
<b>ski (n.)</b>
1 : one of a pair of long narrow pieces of wood, metal, or plastic that curve upward slightly in front, are attached to shoes, and are used for <b>gliding</b> over snow
<b>ski (v.)</b>
to move or glide on skis over snow or water
<b>skill (n.)</b>
the ability to do something that comes from training, experience, or practice
<b>solitude (n.)</b>
a state or situation in which you are alone usually because you want to be
<b>steppe (n.)</b>
a large, flat area of land with grass and very few trees especially in eastern Europe and Asia
<b>stifle (v.)</b>
1 ... a : to not allow yourself to do or express (something) ... b : to stop (someone) from doing or expressing something ... 2 ... to make (something) difficult or impossible ... 3 a ... : to be unable to breathe easily ... b ... : to make (someone) unable to breathe or unable to breathe easily
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>
1 : not liking or wanting to give or spend money ... : not generous ... 2 : small in size or amount
<b>stipend (n.)</b>
a usually small amount of money that is paid regularly to someone
<b>Terylene</b>
(no entry)
<b>trudge (v.)</b>
to walk slowly and heavily because you are tired or working very hard
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>
1 : a brass musical instrument that you blow into that has three buttons which you press to play different notes ... 2 : something shaped like a trumpet ... <b>blow your own trumpet Brit, informal</b> : to talk about yourself or your achievements especially in a way that shows that you are proud or too proud
<b>wrench (n.)</b>
1 ... a tool consisting of a handle with one end designed to hold, twist, or turn an object (such as a bolt or nut)

Table IX. The Chambers Dictionary

Chambers7 (1988)	Chambers9 (1998)	Chambers 9new (2003)	Chambers12 (2011)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>			
cast away : mean : worthless : grovelling : base	mean; worthless; grovelling; base or contemptible; cast away	mean, wretched; worthless; grovelling; base or contemptible; cast away	mean, wretched; worthless; grovelling; base or contemptible; cast away
<b>accuse (v.)</b>			
to bring a charge against	to bring a charge against	to bring a charge against	to bring a charge against
<b>can (n.)</b>			
a vessel for holding or carrying liquids, generally of tinned iron, with a handle over the top: a chimney-pot: a tin, vessel of tin-plate in which meat, fruit, etc., are sealed up: a drinking-mug: a container for various things, as ashes, rubbish (U.S.), or film in quantity: a jacket in which a fuel rod is sealed in an atomic reactor: ... jail (slang): a lavatory (slang): ... headphones (slang)	a tin, a container of tin-plate in which meat, fruit, etc are sealed up to preserve them; a container for holding or carrying liquids, generally of tinned iron, with a handle over the top; the amount that a can holds ... ; a container for various things, such as ashes or rubbish (US); a drinking-mug; a chimney pot; a cylindrical container for storing film; a jacket in which a fuel rod is sealed in an atomic reactor; a depth charge (naval sl) ; (with the) jail (slang); a lavatory (slang); the buttocks (N Am slang); (in pl) headphones (slang).	a tin, a container of tin-plate in which meat, fruit, etc are sealed up to preserve them; a container for holding or carrying liquids, generally of tinned iron, with a handle over the top; the amount that a can holds ... ; a container for various things, such as ashes or rubbish (N Am); a drinking-mug; a chimney pot; a cylindrical container for storing film; a jacket in which a fuel rod is sealed in an atomic reactor; a depth charge (naval sl) ; (with the) jail (sl); a lavatory (sl); the buttocks (N Am sl); (in pl) headphones (sl).	a tin, a container of tin-plate in which meat, fruit, etc are sealed up to preserve them; a container for holding or carrying liquids, generally of tinned iron, with a handle over the top; the amount that a can holds ... ; a container for various things, such as ashes or rubbish (N Am); a drinking-mug; a chimney pot; a cylindrical container for storing film; a jacket in which a fuel rod is sealed in an atomic reactor; a depth charge (naval sl) ; (with the) jail (sl); a lavatory (sl); the buttocks (N Am sl); (in pl) headphones (sl).
<b>compulsory</b>			
compelled: obligatory: compelling	obligatory: compelling	obligatory: compelling	obligatory; compelling
<b>dimple (n.)</b>			
a small hollow, esp. on the surface of the body	a small hollow, esp. on a person's cheek or chin; a shallow depression in a surface; a depression or bubble in glass	a small hollow, esp. on a person's cheek or chin; a shallow depression in a surface; a depression or bubble in glass	a small hollow, esp on a person's cheek or chin; a shallow depression in a surface; a depression or bubble in glass
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>			
illustrious : dignified in appearance or manner	illustrious, eminent; dignified in appearance or manner; remarkable	illustrious, eminent; dignified in appearance or manner; remarkable	illustrious, eminent; dignified in appearance or manner; remarkable
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>			
to encumber: to involve in difficulty, esp. in money matters: to put out of countenance, disconcert: to perplex	to put out of countenance or disconcert; to perplex; to involve in difficulty, esp in money matters; to encumber. -- ... to become disconcerted or discomposed	to cause to feel self-conscious, ashamed or awkward; to perplex; to involve in difficulty, esp in money matters; to encumber. ... to become self-conscious, ashamed or awkward	to cause to feel self-conscious, ashamed or awkward; to perplex; to involve in difficulty, esp in money matters; to encumber. ... to become self-conscious, ashamed or awkward
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>			
perplexed; constrained; out of countenance, disconcerted	perplexed; constrained; disconcerted; out of countenance	self-conscious, ashamed or awkward; perplexed; constrained.	self-conscious, ashamed or awkward; perplexed; constrained.
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>			
(undefined)	(undefined)	(undefined)	(undefined)
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>			
the state of feeling embarrassed: something which causes one to feel embarrassed: difficulties in money matters: a perplexing amount	the state of feeling embarrassed; something which makes one feel embarrassed; difficulties in money matters; a perplexing amount	the state of feeling embarrassed; something which makes one feel embarrassed; difficulties in money matters; a perplexing amount	the state of feeling embarrassed; something which makes one feel embarrassed; difficulties in money matters; a perplexing amount
<b>feather (n.)</b>			
one of the growths that form the covering of a bird: a featherlike appearance, ornament or flaw: the feathered end of an arrow: plumage: condition: birds collectively: anything light or trifling: a projecting longitudinal rib or strip: a wedge: a formation of hair, e.g. on the legs of certain breeds of dog or horse: the act of feathering an oar: a foamy wave or wave-crest, esp. that caused by a submarine's periscope.	one of the light growths that form the soft covering of a bird; anything resembling this, eg an ornament; a set of these, or synthetic substitutes, on the end of an arrow, to aid flight; plumage; condition; birds collectively; anything light or trifling; a projecting longitudinal rib or strip; feather-edge; a wedge; a formation of hair, eg on the legs of certain breeds of dog or horse; the act of moving an oar edgewise through the air,	one of the light growths that form the soft covering of a bird; anything resembling this, eg an ornament; a set of these, or synthetic substitutes, on the end of an arrow, to aid flight; plumage; condition; birds collectively; anything light or trifling; a projecting longitudinal rib or strip; feather-edge; a wedge; a formation of hair, eg on the legs of certain breeds of dog or horse; the act of moving an oar edgewise through the air,	one of the light growths that form the soft covering of a bird; anything resembling this, eg an ornament; a set of these, or synthetic substitutes, on the end of an arrow, to aid flight; plumage; condition; birds collectively; anything light or trifling; a projecting longitudinal rib or strip; feather-edge; a wedge; a formation of hair, eg on the legs of certain breeds of dog or horse; the act of moving an oar edgewise through the air,

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<b>gherkin</b>			
a small cucumber used for pickling	a small cucumber used for pickling	a small cucumber used for pickling	a small cucumber used for pickling
<b>grout (n.)</b>			
coarse meal: the sediment of liquor: lees: a thin coarse mortar: a fine plaster for finishing ceilings	coarse meal; a thin coarse mortar for filling cracks, etc ...; a fine plaster for finishing ceilings, filling between tiles, etc; the sediment of liquor; lees	coarse meal; a thin coarse mortar for filling cracks, etc ...; a fine plaster for finishing ceilings, filling between tiles, etc; the sediment of liquor; lees	coarse meal; a thin coarse mortar for filling cracks, etc ...; a fine plaster for finishing ceilings, filling between tiles, etc; the sediment of liquor; lees.
<b>hard (adj)</b>			
not easily penetrated or broken: unyielding to pressure: firm, solid: difficult to scratch ( <i>min.</i> ): difficult: strenuous: laborious: vigorous: bodily fit: coarse and scanty: stingy, niggardly: difficult to bear: difficult to please: unfeeling: insensitive: severe: rigorous: stiff: constrained: intractable: obdurate: troublesome: (of coal) anthracitic: (of water) difficult to lather owing to calcium or magnesium salt in solution: harsh: brilliant and glaring: over-sharply defined: lacking in finer shades: used as a classification of pencil-leads to indicate durability in quality and faintness in use: (of drink) very alcoholic: (of drug) habit-forming: (of news) definite, substantiated: (of letters) representing a guttural, not a sibilant, sound: voiceless ... (of radiation) penetrating ... <b>hard-and-fast</b> rigidly laid down and adhered to ... <b>hard-bitten</b> given to hard biting, tough in fight; ruthless, callous ... <b>hard-boiled</b> boiled until solid: callous or cynical: practical ... <b>hard case</b> a person difficult to deal with or reform; <b>hard cash</b> specie: ready money: <b>hard cheese</b> (chiefly as <i>interj.</i> , <i>slang</i> ) bad luck: <b>hard coal</b> anthracite: <b>hard copy</b> ( <i>comput</i> ) output legible to the human reader, as distinct from coded material. <b>hard core</b> a durable, unyielding central part: something very resistant to change, as e.g. the most loyal or the most die-hard members of a group ... <b>hard-core</b> pertaining to a hard core: blatant: of pornography, explicit, very obscene ...	not easily penetrated or broken; unyielding to pressure; firm, solid: difficult to scratch ( <i>mining</i> ); difficult; strenuous; laborious; vigorous; bodily fit; coarse and scanty; stingy, niggardly; 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ruthless, callous ... <b>hard-boiled</b> (of eggs) boiled until solid; (of a person) callous, brazen or cynical ( <i>colloq</i> ); practical. ... <b>hard case</b> a person difficult to deal with or reform ( <i>slang</i> ); <b>hard cash</b> coin; ready money; <b>hard cheese</b> (chiefly as <i>interj.</i> , often insincere; <i>slang</i> ) bad luck; <b>hard coal</b> anthracite; <b>hard copy</b> ( <i>comput</i> ) output printed on paper, legible to the human reader, as distinct from material which is coded or stored on disk. <b>hard core</b> a durable, unyielding central part; ( <i>usu</i> <b>hard-core</b> ) the rubble and other material used in the foundation	not easily penetrated or broken; unyielding to pressure; firm, solid: difficult to scratch ( <i>mining</i> ); difficult; strenuous; laborious; vigorous; bodily fit; coarse and scanty; stingy, niggardly; difficult to bear or endure; difficult to please; unfeeling; insensitive; severe; rigorous; stiff; tough; constrained; intractable; 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<b>hiccup (n.)</b>			
the involuntary contraction of the diaphragm while the glottis is spasmodically closed : the sound caused by this : a temporary, and usu. minor, difficulty or setback	the involuntary contraction of the diaphragm while the glottis is spasmodically closed; the sound caused by this; a temporary (and usu minor) difficulty or setback	the involuntary contraction of the diaphragm while the glottis is spasmodically closed; the sound caused by this; ... an attack of these spasms at intervals of a few seconds; a temporary (and usu minor) difficulty or setback	the involuntary contraction of the diaphragm while the glottis is spasmodically closed; the sound caused by this; ... an attack of these spasms at intervals of a few seconds; a temporary (and usu minor) difficulty or setback
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>			
a rustic of the hill country	a rustic of the hill country; any unsophisticated person; country-and-Western music	a rustic of the hill country; any unsophisticated person; country music	a rustic of the hill country; any unsophisticated person; country music
<b>hire (v.)</b>			
to procure the use or service of, at a price; to engage for wages; to grant temporary use of for compensation (often with out)	to procure the use or service of, at a price; to engage for wages; to grant temporary use of for payment (often with out)	to procure the use or service of, at a price; to engage for wages; to grant temporary use of for payment (often with out)	to procure the use or service of, at a price; to engage for wages; to grant temporary use of for payment (often with out)
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>			
to associate or drink together familiarly; to talk informally (with)	to associate or drink together familiarly; to talk informally (with)	to associate or drink together familiarly; to talk informally (with)	to associate or drink together familiarly; to talk informally (with)
<b>horde (n.)</b>			
a migratory or wandering tribe or clan; a multitude	a migratory or wandering tribe or clan; a multitude	a migratory or wandering tribe or clan; a multitude	a migratory or wandering tribe or clan; a multitude
<b>hormone (n.)</b>			
an internal secretion which on reaching some part of a plant or animal body, exercises a specific physiological action	an internal secretion which, on reaching some part of a plant or animal body, exercises a specific physiological action	an internal secretion that, on reaching some part of a plant or animal body, exercises a specific physiological action; a synthetic compound with the same function	an internal secretion that, on reaching some part of a plant or animal body, exercises a specific physiological action; a synthetic compound with the same function
<b>inquisitive</b>			
eager to know: apt to ask questions, esp about other people's affairs: curious	eager to know; apt to ask questions, esp about other people's affairs; curious	eager to know; apt to ask questions, esp about other people's affairs; curious	eager to know; apt to ask questions, esp about other people's affairs; curious
<b>instigate (v.)</b>			
to urge on, incite: to foment	to urge on , incite; to initiate, bring about	to urge on , incite; to initiate, bring about	to urge on , incite; to initiate, bring about
<b>inscrutable</b>			
that cannot be scrutinized or searched into and understood: inexplicable	that cannot be scrutinized or searched into and understood; mysterious, enigmatic, inexplicable	that cannot be scrutinized or searched into and understood; mysterious, enigmatic, inexplicable	that cannot be scrutinized or searched into and understood; mysterious, enigmatic, inexplicable
<b>insult (v.)</b>			
to treat with indignity or contempt; to affront; to triumph insolently or exultantly over; to attack physically, assault (obs.) vi (obs) to make an attack; to behave with boastful insolence.	to treat with indignity or contempt; to affront; to triumph insolently or exultantly over; to attack physically, assault (obs.) vi (obs) to make an attack; to behave with boastful insolence.	to treat with indignity or contempt; to affront; to triumph insolently or exultantly over; to attack physically, assault (obs.) vi (obs) to make an attack; to behave with boastful insolence.	to treat with indignity or contempt; to affront; to triumph insolently or exultantly over; to attack physically, assault (obs.) vi (obs) to make an attack; to behave with boastful insolence.
<b>loom (v.)</b>			
to appear indistinctly or as in a mirage, esp. in an exaggerated or magnified form : to take shape, as an impending event	to appear indistinctly or as in a mirage, esp in an exaggerated or magnified form; (of an event) to impend, be imminent; to overhang threateningly (with over)	to appear indistinctly or as in a mirage, esp in an exaggerated or magnified form; (of an event) to impend, be imminent; to overhang threateningly (with over)	to appear indistinctly or as in a mirage, esp in an exaggerated or magnified form; (of an event) to impend, be imminent; to overhang threateningly (with over)
<b>loophole (n.)</b>			
a slit in a wall : a means of escape or evasion	a vertical slit in a wall eg of a castle, for looking through, firing through or receiving light and air; a means of escape; a means of evasion	a vertical slit in a wall eg of a castle, for looking through, firing through or receiving light an air; a means of escape; a means of evasion, eg an	a vertical slit in a wall eg of a castle, for looking through, firing through or receiving light an air; a means of escape; a means of evasion, eg an

		ambiguity in a contract, etc.	ambiguity in a contract, etc.
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>			
ill-balanced : heavier, bigger, on one side than the other	leaning to one side, off balance; heavier or bigger on one side than the other	leaning to one side, off balance; heavier or bigger on one side than the other	leaning to one side, off balance; heavier or bigger on one side than the other
<b>obfuscate</b>			
to darken: to obscure	to darken; to obscure	to darken; to obscure	to darken; to obscure; to confuse or bewilder
<b>parrot (n.)</b>			
one of a family of tropical and subtropical birds with brilliant plumage, hooked bill, and zygodactyl feet, good imitators of human speech; an uncritical repeater of the words of others	one of a family of tropical and subtropical birds with brilliant plumage, a hooked bill, and zygodactyl feet, good imitators of human speech; an uncritical repeater of the words of others	one of a family of tropical and subtropical birds with brilliant plumage, a hooked bill, and zygodactyl feet, good imitators of human speech; an uncritical repeater of the words of others	one of a family of tropical and subtropical birds with brilliant plumage, a hooked bill, and zygodactyl feet, good imitators of human speech; an uncritical repeater of the words of others
<b>permission</b>			
an act of permitting: leave	an act of permitting; authorization, leave	an act of permitting; authorization, leave	an act of permitting; authorization, leave
<b>persuade</b>			
to induce by argument, advice, etc.: to bring to any particular opinion: to cause to believe: to convince: to seek to induce (obs.): to urge (Shak.). -v.i. to plead (obs.): to prevail (obs.): to use persuasive methods	to induce by reasoning, advice, etc; to bring to any particular opinion; to cause to believe; to convince; to seek to induce (obs); to urge (Shakesp). vi to use persuasive methods; to plead (obs); to prevail (obs.)	to induce by reasoning, advice, etc; to bring to any particular opinion; to cause to believe; to convince; to seek to induce (obs); to urge (Shakesp). vi to use persuasive methods; to plead (obs); to prevail (obs.)	to induce by reasoning, advice, etc; to bring to any particular opinion; to cause to believe; to convince; to seek to induce (obs); to urge (Shakesp). vi to use persuasive methods; to plead (obs); to prevail (obs.)
<b>potential (adj.)</b>			
powerful, efficacious: latent: existing in possibility, not in reality: expressing power, possibility, liberty, or obligation (gram.).	powerful, efficacious; latent; possible or likely, though as yet not tested or actual; expressing power, possibility, liberty, or obligation (gram.).	latent; possible or likely, though as yet not tested or actual; expressing power, possibility, liberty, or obligation (grammar); powerful, efficacious.	latent; possible or likely, though as yet not tested or actual; expressing power, possibility, liberty, or obligation (grammar); powerful, efficacious.
<b>powder (n.)</b>			
dust: any solid in fine particles: gunpowder: hair-powder: face-powder: a medicine in the form of powder.	any solid in the form of fine dust-like particles; (also <b>face powder</b> ) a cosmetic in this form patted onto the skin to give it a soft smooth appearance; hair-powder (qv under hair); gunpowder; dust (obs); powder snow (skiing); a dose of medicine in powder form	any solid in the form of fine dust-like particles; (also <b>face powder</b> ) a cosmetic in this form patted onto the skin to give it a soft smooth appearance; hair-powder (qv); gunpowder; dust (obs); powder snow (skiing); a dose of medicine in powder form	any solid in the form of fine dust-like particles; (also face powder) a cosmetic in this form patted onto the skin to give it a soft smooth appearance; hair-powder (qv); gunpowder; dust (obs); powder snow (skiing); a dose of medicine in powder form
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>			
any of a number of interstellar sources of regularly pulsed radiation, investigated from 1967, which may be rotating neutron stars	any of a number of interstellar sources of regularly pulsed radiation, first discovered in 1967, and thought to be rotating neutron stars	any of a number of interstellar sources of regularly pulsed radiation, first discovered in 1967, and thought to be rotating neutron stars	any of a number of interstellar sources of regularly pulsed radiation, first discovered in 1967, and thought to be rotating neutron stars
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>			
sharp : ending in a hard sharp point ( <i>bot</i> ) : pricking or acrid to taste or smell : keenly touching the mind : painful : sarcastic	sharp; ending in a hard sharp point ( <i>bot</i> ); pricking or acrid to taste or smell; keenly touching the mind; painful; sarcastic	sharp; pricking or acrid in taste or smell; keenly touching the mind; painful; sarcastic; ending in a hard sharp point ( <i>bot</i> )	sharp; pricking or acrid in taste or smell; keenly touching the mind; painful; sarcastic; ending in a hard sharp point ( <i>bot</i> )
<b>quandary (n.)</b>			
a state of perplexity : a dilemma : a hard plight ( <i>obs.</i> )	a state of perplexity; a dilemma; a hard plight ( <i>obs.</i> )	a state of perplexity; a dilemma; a hard plight ( <i>obs.</i> )	a state of perplexity; a dilemma; a hard plight ( <i>obs.</i> )
<b>rancid</b>			
rank in smell or taste, as butter or oil that is going bad	rank in smell or taste, as of butter or oil that is going bad	rank in smell or taste, as of butter or oil that is going bad	rank in smell or taste, as of butter or oil that is going bad
<b>rattan</b>			
a climbing palm (Calamus or other) with very long thin stem: a cane made of it	any of various climbing palms, esp of the genus Calamus, with a very long thin stem; a cane made from the stem; the stems collectively as wickerwork	any of various climbing palms, esp of the genus Calamus, with a very long thin stem; a cane made from the stem; the stems collectively as wickerwork	any of various climbing palms, esp of the genus Calamus, with a very long thin stem; a cane made from the stem; the stems collectively as wickerwork
<b>redeem (v.)</b>			
to buy back : to compound for : to recover or free by payment : to free oneself from, by fulfilment : to ransom : to rescue, deliver, free : to get back : to reclaim : to pay the penalty of : to atone for : to compensate	to buy back; to act so as to settle or discharge (a burden, obligation, etc); to recover or free by payment; to free oneself from (a promise) by fulfilment; to ransom; to rescue, deliver, free; (of God or Christ) to	to buy back; to act so as to settle or discharge (a burden, obligation, etc); to recover or free by payment; to free oneself from (a promise) by fulfilment; to ransom; to rescue, deliver, free; (of God or Christ) to	to buy back; to act so as to settle or discharge (a burden, obligation, etc); to recover or free by payment; to free oneself from (a promise) by fulfilment; to ransom; to rescue, deliver, free; (of God or Christ) to

for : to put (time) to the best advantage	deliver from sin; to get back; to reclaim; to exchange (tokens, vouchers, etc) for goods, or (bonds, shares, etc) for cash; to pay the penalty of; to atone for; to compensate for; to put (time) to the best advantage	deliver from sin; to get back; to reclaim; to exchange (tokens, vouchers, etc) for goods, or (bonds, shares, etc) for cash; to pay the penalty of; to atone for; to compensate for; to put (time) to the best advantage	deliver from sin; to get back; to reclaim; to exchange (tokens, vouchers, etc) for goods, or (bonds, shares, etc) for cash; to pay the penalty of; to atone for; to compensate for; to put (time) to the best advantage
<b>ski (n.)</b>			
a long narrow runner orig. of wood, now also of metal, etc., fastened to the foot to enable the wearer to slide across snow, etc.	a long narrow runner orig of wood, now also of metal or man-made materials, fastened to the foot to enable the wearer to slide across snow, etc	a long narrow runner orig of wood, now also of metal or man-made materials, fastened to the foot to enable the wearer to slide across snow, etc; a water-ski	a long narrow runner orig of wood, now also of metal or synthetic materials, fastened to the foot to enable the wearer to slide across snow, etc; a water-ski
<b>ski (v.)</b>			
to travel on skis	to travel on skis	to travel on skis	to travel on skis
<b>skill (n.)</b>			
reason (Shak.): discrimination (obs.): expertness: expert knowledge (arch.): a craft or accomplishment: ... aptitudes and competencies appropriate for a particular job, e.g. of the secretarial kind.	expertness; a craft or accomplishment; (in <i>pl</i> ) aptitudes and competencies appropriate for a particular job; expert knowledge (archaic); reason ( <i>Shakesp</i> ); discrimination ( <i>obs</i> )	expertness; a craft or accomplishment; (in <i>pl</i> ) aptitudes and competencies appropriate for a particular job; expert knowledge (archaic); reason ( <i>Shakesp</i> ); discrimination ( <i>obs</i> )	expertness; a craft or accomplishment; (in <i>pl</i> ) aptitudes and competencies appropriate for a particular job; expert knowledge (archaic); reason ( <i>Shakesp</i> ); discrimination ( <i>obs</i> )
<b>solitude (n.)</b>			
solitariness; absence of company; a lonely place or desert	solitariness; absence of company; a lonely place or desert	solitariness; absence of company; a lonely place or desert	solitariness; absence of company; a lonely place or desert
<b>steppe (n.)</b>			
a dry, grassy, generally treeless and uncultivated and sometimes salt plain, as in the south-east of Europe and in Asia	a dry, grassy, generally treeless, uncultivated and sometimes salt plain, as in central Europe and in Asia	dry, grassy, generally treeless, uncultivated and sometimes salt plain, as in central Europe and in Asia	dry, grassy, generally treeless, uncultivated and sometimes salt plain, as in central Europe and in Asia
<b>stifle (v.)</b>			
to stop the breath of by foul air or other means : to make breathing difficult for : to suffocate, smother : to choke down : to suppress : to repress : to make stifling ... to suffocate	to stop the breath of by foul air or other means; to make breathing difficult for; to suffocate, smother; to choke down; to suppress; to repress; to make stifling ... to suffocate	to stop the breath of by foul air or other means; to make breathing difficult for; to suffocate, smother; to choke down; to suppress; to repress; to make stifling ... to suffocate	to stop the breath of by foul air or other means; to make breathing difficult for; to suffocate, smother; to choke down; to suppress; to repress; to make stifling ... to suffocate
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>			
niggardly; ill-tempered ( <i>dial.</i> )	niggardly; bad-tempered ( <i>dialect</i> )	niggardly; bad-tempered ( <i>dialect</i> )	niggardly; bad-tempered ( <i>dialect</i> )
<b>stipend (n.)</b>			
a soldier's pay : a salary, esp. a Scottish parish minister's ... : a periodical allowance	a soldier's pay; a salary, esp a Scottish parish minister's ... ; a periodical allowance	a soldier's pay; ... a salary, esp a Scottish parish minister's ... ; a periodical allowance	a soldier's pay; ... a salary, esp a Scottish parish minister's ... ; a periodical allowance
<b>Terylene</b>			
a synthetic fabric of polyester fibres, light, strong and crease-resistant	a synthetic fabric of polyester fibres, light, strong and crease-resistant	a synthetic fabric of polyester fibres, light, strong and crease-resistant	a synthetic fabric of polyester fibres, light, strong and crease-resistant
<b>trudge (v.)</b>			
to walk with labour or effort: to plod doggedly. -v.t. to plod wearily or doggedly along, over, etc.	to walk with labour or effort; to plod doggedly. vt to plod wearily or doggedly along, over, etc.	to walk with labour or effort; to plod doggedly. vt to plod wearily or doggedly along, over, etc.	to walk with labour or effort; to plod doggedly. vt to plod wearily or doggedly along, over, etc.
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>			
an orchestral, military and signalling wind instrument of powerful and brilliant tone, in its present form a narrow tube bent twice upon itself, with cupped mouthpiece and flaring bell, giving, by action of the lips and breath-pressure, harmonics of its fundamental, the scale filled up by use of crooks, slides, or valves; applied to other instruments more or less like: a speaking-trumpet: an ear-trumpet: a trumpet-shaped object, as a flared bell or horn, a corolla or corona: a sound of, or as if of, a trumpet: a trumpeter:	an orchestral, military and signalling wind instrument of powerful and brilliant tone, in its present form a narrow tube bent twice upon itself, with cupped mouthpiece and flaring bell, giving, by action of the lips and breath pressure, harmonics of its fundamental, the scale filled up by use of crooks, slides, or valves; applied to other instruments more or less resembling this; a speaking-trumpet; an ear-trumpet; a trumpet-shaped object, such as a flared bell or horn, a corolla or corona; a sound of, or as if of, a	an orchestral, military and signalling wind instrument of powerful and brilliant tone, in its present form a narrow tube bent twice upon itself, with cupped mouthpiece and flaring bell, giving, by action of the lips and breath pressure, harmonics of its fundamental, the scale filled up by use of crooks, slides, or valves; applied to other instruments more or less resembling this; a speaking-trumpet; an ear-trumpet; a trumpet-shaped object, such as a flared bell or horn, a corolla or corona; a sound of, or as if of, a	an orchestral, military and signalling brass instrument of powerful and brilliant tone, in its present form a narrow tube bent twice upon itself, with cupped mouthpiece and flaring bell, giving, by action of the lips and breath pressure, harmonics of its fundamental, the scale filled up by use of crooks, slides, or valves; applied to other instruments more or less resembling this; a speaking-trumpet; an ear-trumpet; a trumpet-shaped object, such as a flared bell or horn, a corolla or corona; a sound of, or as if of, a

an organ reed-stop of trumpet-like tone	trumpet; a trumpeter; an organ reed stop of trumpet-like tone.	trumpet; a trumpeter; an organ reed stop of trumpet-like tone.	trumpet; a trumpeter; an organ reed stop of trumpet-like tone.
<b>wrench (n.)</b>			
an act or instance of wrenching; a violent twist; a sprain; an instrument for turning nuts, etc.: emotional pain at parting or change: in coursing, bringing the hare round at less than a right angle	an act or instance of wrenching; a violent twist; a sprain; an instrument for turning nuts, etc, an adjustable spanner; a separation or change that is difficult to bear, or the pain of this; ... bringing the hare round at less than a right angle	an act or instance of wrenching; a violent twist; a sprain; an instrument for turning nuts, etc, an adjustable spanner; a separation or change that is difficult to bear, or the pain of this; ... bringing the hare round at less than a right angle	an act or instance of wrenching; a violent twist; a sprain; an instrument for turning nuts, etc, an adjustable spanner; a separation or change that is difficult to bear, or the pain of this; ... bringing the hare round at less than a right angle

Table X. The COD

COD8 (1990)	COD9 (1995)	COD10 (2002)	COD12 (2011)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>			
1 miserable, wretched. 2 degraded, self-abasing, humble. 3 despicable	1 miserable, wretched. 2 degraded, self-abasing, humble. 3 despicable	1 extremely unpleasant and degrading ... 2 completely without pride or dignity	1 (of something bad) experienced to the maximum degree ... 2 completely without pride or dignity
<b>accuse (v.)</b>			
1 (foll. by of) charge (a person etc.) with a fault or crime; indict ... 2 lay the blame on.	1 (foll. by of) charge (a person etc.) with a fault or crime; indict	charge with an offence or crime > <b>(accuse someone of)</b> claim that someone has done something wrong	charge with an offence or crime <b>▪(accuse someone of)</b> claim that someone has done something wrong
<b>can (n.)</b>			
1 a metal vessel for liquid. 2 a tin container in which food or drink is hermetically sealed to enable storage over long periods. 3 ... <i>sl.</i> a prison (sent to the can). b <i>US</i> lavatory.	1 a vessel for holding liquids. 2 a tin container in which food or drink is hermetically sealed to enable storage over long periods. 3 ... <i>slang</i> headphones. 4 ... <i>slang</i> a prison ... b <i>N. Amer.</i> lavatory. ... <b>in the can colloq.</b> completed. ready (originally of filmed or recorded material).	1 a cylindrical metal container, in particular one in which food or drink is hermetically sealed for storage over long periods. 2 <b>(the can)</b> <i>N. Amer. informal</i> prison. 3 <b>(the can)</b> <i>N. Amer. informal</i> a toilet. 4 <b>(cans)</b> <i>informal</i> headphones. ... PHRASES <b>a can of worms</b> a complicated matter likely to prove awkward or embarrassing. <b>in the can</b> <i>informal</i> on tape or film and ready to be broadcast or released.	1 a cylindrical metal container, in particular one in which food or drink is hermetically sealed for storage over long periods. 2 <b>(the can)</b> ... prison. 3 <b>(the can)</b> ... a toilet. 4 <b>(cans)</b> ... headphones. ... PHRASES <b>a can of worms</b> a complicated matter likely to prove awkward or embarrassing. <b>in the can</b> ... on tape or film and ready to be broadcast or released.
<b>compulsory</b>			
1 required by law or a rule ... 2 essential; necessary.	1 required by law or a rule ... 2 essential; necessary.	required by law or a rule; obligatory. > involving or exercising compulsion; coercive	required by law or a rule; obligatory <b>▪</b> involving or exercising compulsion; coercive.
<b>dimple (n.)</b>			
a small hollow or dent in the flesh, esp. in the cheeks or chin	a small hollow or dent in the flesh, esp. in the cheeks or chin	a small depression in the flesh, either permanent or forming in the cheeks when one smiles	a small depression in the flesh, either permanent or forming in the cheeks when one smiles. <b>▪</b> a slight depression in the surface of an object
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>			
1 (often foll. by for, by) of high standing; eminent; famous. 2 = DISTINGUÉ	1 (often foll. by for, by) of high standing; eminent; famous. 2 = DISTINGUÉ	1 noble and dignified in appearance. 2 successful and commanding great respect	1 noble and dignified in appearance. 2 successful and commanding great respect
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>			
1 cause (a person) to feel awkward or self-conscious or ashamed. 2 (as embarrassed adj.) encumbered with debts. 3 encumber, impede. 4 complicate (a question etc.). 5 perplex.	1 cause (a person) to feel awkward or self-conscious or ashamed. 2 (as embarrassed adj.) encumbered with debts. 3 hamper, impede. 4 complicate (a question etc.). 5 perplex.	1 cause to feel awkward, self-conscious, or ashamed. > <b>(be embarrassed)</b> be caused financial difficulties. 2 <i>archaic</i> hamper or impede.	1 cause to feel awkward, self-conscious, or ashamed. <b>▪(be embarrassed)</b> be caused financial difficulties. 2 ... hamper or impede.
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>			
(in the entry for embarrass)	(in the entry for embarrass)	(in the entry for embarrass)	(in the entry for embarrass)
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>			
(no entry)	(no entry)	(undefined)	(undefined)
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>			
(undefined)	(undefined)	(undefined)	1 a feeling of self-consciousness, shame, or awkwardness. <b>▪</b> a cause of such feelings. 2 financial difficulty.
<b>feather (n.)</b>			
1 any of the appendages growing from a bird's skin, with a horny hollow stem and fine strands. 2 one or more of these as decoration etc. 3 ... a plumage. b game-birds. ... <b>a feather in one's cap</b> an achievement to one's credit. <b>feather one's nest</b> enrich oneself. <b>in fine</b> (or <b>high</b> ) <b>feather</b> ... in good spirits.	1 any of the appendages growing from a bird's skin, with a horny hollow stem and fine strands. 2 one or more of these as decoration etc. 3 ... a plumage. b game birds. ... <b>a feather in one's cap</b> an achievement to one's credit. <b>feather one's nest</b> enrich oneself. <b>in fine</b> (or <b>high</b> ) <b>feather</b> in good spirits.	1 any of the flat appendages growing from a bird's skin, consisting of a partly hollow horny shaft fringed with vanes of barbs. 2 <b>(feathers)</b> a fringe of long hair on the legs of a dog, horse, or other animal. ... PHRASES <b>a feather in one's cap</b> an achievement to be proud of. <b>feather one's (own) nest</b> make money illicitly and at someone else's expense	1 any of the flat appendages growing from a bird's skin, consisting of a partly hollow horny shaft fringed with vanes of barbs. 2 <b>(feathers)</b> a fringe of long hair on the legs of a dog, horse, or other animal. ... PHRASES <b>a feather in one's cap</b> an achievement to be proud of. <b>feather one's (own) nest</b> make money selfishly or opportunistically.
<b>gherkin</b>			
1 a small variety of cucumber,	1 a small variety of cucumber,	1 a small variety of cucumber,	a small variety of cucumber, or

or a young green cucumber, used for pickling. 2 a trailing plant, <i>Cucumis sativus</i> , with cucumber-like fruits used for pickling. b this fruit.	or a young green cucumber, used for pickling.	or a young green cucumber, used for pickling.	a young green cucumber used for pickling
<b>grout (n.)</b>			
a thin fluid mortar for filling gaps in tiling etc.	a thin fluid mortar for filling gaps in tiling etc.	a mortar or paste for filling crevices, especially the gaps between wall or floor tiles	a mortar or paste for filling crevices, especially the gaps between wall or floor tiles
<b>hard (adj.)</b>			
<b>1</b> (of a substance, material, etc.) firm and solid; unyielding to pressure; not easily cut. <b>2 a</b> difficult to understand or explain (a hard problem). <b>b</b> difficult to accomplish (a hard decision). <b>c</b> ... not easy to (hard to believe; hard to please). <b>3</b> difficult to bear; entailing suffering (a hard life). <b>4</b> (of a person) unfeeling; severely critical. <b>5</b> (of a season or the weather) severe, harsh (a hard winter; a hard frost). <b>6</b> harsh or unpleasant to the senses (a hard voice; hard colours). <b>7 a</b> strenuous, enthusiastic, intense (a hard worker; a hard fight). <b>b</b> severe, uncompromising (a hard blow; a hard bargain; hard words). <b>c</b> Polit. extreme; most radical (the hard right). <b>8 a</b> (of liquor) strongly alcoholic. <b>b</b> (of drugs) potent and addictive. <b>c</b> (of radiation) highly penetrating. <b>d</b> (of pornography) highly suggestive and explicit. <b>9</b> (of water) containing mineral salts that make lathering difficult. <b>10</b> established; not disputable; reliable (hard facts; hard data). <b>11</b> <i>Stock Exch.</i> (of currency, prices, etc.) high; not likely to fall in value. <b>12</b> <i>Phonet.</i> (of a consonant) guttural (as <i>c</i> in <i>cat</i> , <i>g</i> in <i>go</i> ). ... <b>be hard on</b> 1 be difficult for. 2 be severe in one's treatment or criticism of. 3 be unpleasant to (the senses). <b>be hard put to it</b> (usu. foll. by <i>to</i> + <i>inf.</i> ) find it difficult. <b>go hard with</b> turn out to (a person's) disadvantage. <b>hard and fast</b> (of a rule or a distinction made) definite, unalterable, strict. <b>hard at it</b> <i>colloq.</i> busily working or occupied.	<b>1</b> (of a substance, material, etc.) firm and solid; unyielding to pressure; not easily cut. <b>2 a</b> difficult to understand or explain ... <b>b</b> difficult to accomplish ... <b>c</b> (foll. by <i>to</i> + <i>inf.</i> ) not easy to ( <i>hard to believe</i> ; ...) <b>3</b> difficult to bear; entailing suffering ( <i>a hard life</i> ). <b>4</b> (of a person) unfeeling; severely critical. <b>5</b> (of a season or the weather) severe, harsh ... <b>6</b> harsh or unpleasant to the sense ... <b>7 a</b> strenuous, enthusiastic, intense ... <b>b</b> severe, uncompromising ... <b>c</b> <i>Polit.</i> extreme; most radical ... <b>8 a</b> (of liquor) strongly alcoholic. <b>b</b> (of drugs) potent and addictive. <b>c</b> (of radiation) highly penetrating. <b>d</b> (of water) containing mineral salts that make lathering difficult. <b>10</b> established; not disputable; reliable ... <b>11</b> <i>Stock Exch.</i> (of currency, prices, etc.) high; not likely to fall in value. <b>12</b> (of a consonant) guttural (as <i>c</i> in <i>cat</i> , <i>g</i> in <i>go</i> ). ... <b>be hard on</b> 1 be difficult for. <b>2</b> be severe in one's treatment or criticism of. <b>3</b> be unpleasant to (the senses). <b>be hard put to it</b> (usu. foll. by <i>to</i> + <i>inf.</i> ) find it difficult <b>go hard with</b> turn out to (a person's) disadvantage. <b>hard at it</b> <i>colloq.</i> busily working or occupied. <b>hard by</b> near, close by. <b>a hard case</b> 1 <i>colloq.</i> a an intractable person. <b>b</b> <i>Austral. &amp; NZ</i> an amusing or eccentric person. <b>2 a</b> case of hardship. <b>a hard nut to crack</b> <i>colloq.</i> 1 a difficult problem. <b>2</b> a person or thing not easily understood or influenced. <b>hard on (or upon)</b> close to in pursuit etc. <b>put the hard word on</b> <i>Austral. &amp; NZ slang</i> ask a favour (esp. sexual or financial) of.	<b>1</b> solid, firm, and rigid; not easily broken, bent, or pierced. ▪ (of a person) not showing any signs of weakness; tough. <b>2</b> requiring a great deal of endurance or effort. ▪ strict and demanding ... ▪ denoting an extreme or dogmatic faction within a political party ... <b>3</b> (of information or a subject of study) concerned with precise and verifiable facts ... <b>4</b> harsh or unpleasant to the senses. ▪ (of a season or the weather) severe. ▪ (of wine) harsh or sharp to the taste, especially because of tannin. <b>5</b> done with a great deal of force or strength ... <b>6</b> strongly alcoholic; denoting a spirit rather than beer or wine. ▪ (of a drug) potent and addictive. <b>7</b> (of water) containing mineral salts <b>8</b> (of pornography) highly obscene and explicit. <b>9</b> (of prices of shares, commodities, etc.) high and stable; firm. <b>10</b> (of radiation) highly penetrating. <b>11</b> (of a consonant) pronounced as a velar plosive (as <i>c</i> in <i>cat</i> , <i>g</i> in <i>go</i> ). ... PHRASES <b>be hard put (to it)</b> find it very difficult. <b>go hard with</b> <i>dated</i> turn out to (someone's) disadvantage. <b>hard and fast</b> [usu. with neg.] (of a rule or distinction) fixed and definitive. <b>hard at it</b> <i>informal</i> busily working. <b>hard by</b> close to. <b>hard cheese</b> <i>Brit. informal, dated</i> used to express sympathy over a petty matter. <b>hard done by</b> <i>Brit.</i> harshly or unfairly treated. <b>hard feelings</b> [usu. with neg.] feelings of resentment. <b>hard going</b> difficult to understand or enjoy. <b>hard luck</b> (or lines) <i>Brit. informal</i> used to express sympathy or commiserations. <b>hard of hearing</b> not able to hear well. <b>hard on (or upon)</b> close to; following soon after. <b>hard up</b> <i>informal</i> short of money. <b>play hard to get</b> <i>informal</i> deliberately adopt an aloof or uninterested attitude. <b>put the hard word on</b> <i>Austral./NZ informal</i> ask a favour of.	<b>1</b> solid, firm, and rigid; not easily broken, bent, or pierced. ▪ (of a person) not showing any signs of weakness; tough. <b>2</b> requiring a great deal of endurance or effort. ▪ strict and demanding ... ▪ denoting an extreme or dogmatic faction within a political party ... <b>3</b> (of information or a subject of study) concerned with precise and verifiable facts ... <b>4</b> harsh or unpleasant to the senses. ▪ (of a season or the weather) severe. ▪ (of wine) harsh or sharp to the taste, especially because of tannin. <b>5</b> done with a great deal of force or strength ... <b>6</b> strongly alcoholic; denoting a spirit rather than beer or wine. ▪ (of a drug) potent and addictive. <b>7</b> (of water) containing mineral salts <b>8</b> (of pornography) highly obscene and explicit. <b>9</b> (of prices of shares, commodities, etc.) high and stable; firm. <b>10</b> (of radiation) highly penetrating. <b>11</b> (of a consonant) pronounced as a velar plosive (as <i>c</i> in <i>cat</i> , <i>g</i> in <i>go</i> ). ... 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<b>hiccup (n.)</b>			
1 ... an involuntary spasm of the diaphragm and respiratory organs, with sudden closure of the glottis and characteristic coughlike sound. ... an attack of such spasms. 2 a temporary or	1 ... an involuntary spasm of the diaphragm and respiratory organs, with sudden closure of the glottis and characteristic coughlike sound. ... an attack of such spasms. 2 a temporary or	1. an involuntary spasm of the diaphragm and respiratory organs, with a sudden closure of the glottis and a characteristic gulping sound. 2 a minor difficulty or setback	1. an involuntary spasm of the diaphragm and respiratory organs, with a sudden closure of the glottis and a characteristic gulping sound. 2 a minor difficulty or setback

minor stoppage or difficulty	minor fault or setback		
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>			
1 ... often <i>derog.</i> a person from a remote rural area in a southern State ... 2 folk music of or like that of the southern US	1 ... often <i>derog.</i> a person from a remote or mountainous area, esp. in the Appalachians ... 2 country music of or like that of the southern US.	an unsophisticated country person, originally one from the Appalachians	an unsophisticated country person, originally one from the Appalachians
<b>hire (v.)</b>			
1) ... procure the temporary use of (a thing) for an agreed payment ... 2 esp. US employ (a person) for wages or a fee. 3 US borrow (money). ... <b>for (or on) hire</b> ready to be hired.	1 ... procure the temporary use of (a thing) for an agreed payment ... 2 <i>esp. US</i> employ (a person) for wages or a fee.... for (or on ) hire ready to be hired. <b>hire out</b> 1 grant the temporary use of (a thing) for an agreed payment. 2 <i>refl.</i> make oneself available for employment.	1 <i>chiefly Brit.</i> obtain the temporary use of in return for payment. > ( <b>hire something out</b> ) grant the temporary use of something in return for payment. 2 employ for wages. > obtain the services of (someone) to do a particular job. ... PHRASES <b>for (or on) hire</b> available to be hired.	1 ... obtain the temporary use of (something) in return for payment. •( <b>hire something out</b> ) grant the temporary use of something in return for payment. 2 employ for wages. •obtain the services of (someone) to do a particular job. ... PHRASES <b>for (or on) hire</b> available to be hired.
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>			
1 ... mix socially or informally. 2 drink together	1 ... mix socially or informally. 2 drink together	mix socially, especially with those of higher social status	mix socially, especially with those of higher social status
<b>horde (n.)</b>			
1 ... a usu. <i>derog.</i> a large group, a gang. ... a moving swarm or pack (of insects, wolves, etc.) 2 a troop of Tartar or other nomads	1 ... a usu. <i>derog.</i> a large group, a gang. ... a moving swarm or pack (of insects, wolves, etc.) 2 a troop of Tartar or other nomads	1 ... a large group of people 2 an army or tribe of nomadic warriors 3 ... a loosely knit small social group typically consisting of about five families	1 ... a large group of people 2 an army or tribe of nomadic warriors 3 ... a loosely knit small social group typically consisting of about five families
<b>hormone (n.)</b>			
1 <i>Biochem.</i> a regulatory substance produced in an organism and transported in tissue fluids such as blood or sap to stimulate cells or tissues into action. 2 a synthetic substance with a similar effect	1 <i>Physiol.</i> a regulatory substance produced in an organism and transported in tissue fluids such as blood or sap to stimulate specific cells or tissues into action. 2 a synthetic substance with a similar effect	1 <i>Physiol.</i> a regulatory substance produced by a living organism and transported in tissue fluids to stimulate specific cells or tissues into action.	a substance produced by specialized cells in a living organism and transported in tissue fluids to regulate the action of specific cells or tissues.
<b>inquisitive</b>			
1 unduly curious; prying. 2 seeking knowledge; inquiring.	1 unduly curious; prying. 2 seeking knowledge; inquiring.	curious or enquiring. > unduly curious; prying.	interested in learning things; curious. •unduly curious; prying.
<b>instigate (v.)</b>			
1 bring about by incitement or persuasion; provoke ... 2 ... urge on, incite (a person etc.) to esp. an evil act	1 bring about by incitement or persuasion; provoke ... 2 ... urge on, incite (a person etc.) to esp. an evil act.	bring about or initiate. > ( <b>instigate someone to/to do something</b> ) incite someone to do something.	bring about or initiate. •( <b>instigate someone to/to do something</b> ) incite someone to do something.
<b>inscrutable</b>			
wholly mysterious, impenetrable.	wholly mysterious, impenetrable.	impossible to understand or interpret.	impossible to understand or interpret.
<b>insult (v.)</b>			
1 speak to or treat with scornful abuse or indignity. 2 offend the self-respect or modesty of.	1 speak to or treat with scornful abuse or indignity. 2 offend the self-respect or modesty of.	speak to or treat with disrespect or abuse	speak to or treat with disrespect or abuse
<b>loom (v.)</b>			
1 come into sight dimly, esp. as a vague and often magnified or threatening shape. 2 (of an event or prospect) be ominously close.	1 come into sight dimly, esp. as a vague and often magnified or threatening shape. 2 (of an event or prospect) be ominously close.	appear as a vague form, especially one that is threatening. ... (of an event regarded as threatening) seem about to happen.	appear as a vague form, especially one that is threatening. ... (of an event regarded as threatening) seem about to happen.
<b>loophole (n.)</b>			
1 a means of evading a rule etc. without infringing the letter of it. 2 a narrow vertical slit in a wall for shooting or looking through or to admit light or air	1 a means of evading a rule etc. without infringing the letter of it. 2 a narrow vertical slit in a wall for shooting or looking through or to admit light or air	1 an ambiguity or inadequacy in the law or a set of rules. 2 an arrow slit in a wall	1 an ambiguity or inadequacy in the law or a set of rules. 2 an arrow slit in a wall
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>			
with one side lower or smaller than the other; unevenly balanced.	with one side lower or smaller than the other; unevenly balanced.	with one side lower or smaller than the other	with one side lower or smaller than the other
<b>obfuscate</b>			
1 obscure or confuse (a mind, topic, etc.). 2 stupefy, bewilder	1 obscure or confuse (a mind, topic, etc.). 2 stupefy, bewilder	1 make unclear or unintelligible 2 bewilder	1 make unclear or unintelligible. 2 bewilder (someone)
<b>parrot (n.)</b>			
1 any of various mainly tropical birds of the order Psittaciformes, with a short hooked bill, often having vivid plumage and	1 any of various mainly tropical birds of the order Psittaciformes, with a short hooked bill, often having vivid plumage and	a mainly tropical bird, typically brightly coloured, with a strong downcurved hooked bill and a raucous voice, some kinds of	a mainly tropical bird, typically brightly coloured, with a strong downcurved hooked bill and a raucous voice, some kinds of

sometimes able to mimic the human voice. 2 a person who mechanically repeats the words or actions of another.	sometimes able to mimic the human voice. 2 a person who mechanically repeats the words or actions of another.	which are able to mimic human speech.[Order Psittaciformes: many species.]	which are able to mimic human speech.[Order Psittaciformes: many species.]
<b>permission</b>			
consent; authorization.	consent; authorization.	authorization	the action of officially allowing someone to do a particular thing; consent or authorization.
<b>persuade</b>			
1 ... cause (another person or oneself) to believe; convince ... 2 a ... induce (another person or oneself) ... b ... lure, attract, entice, etc.	1 ... cause (another person or oneself) to believe; convince ... 2 a ... induce (another person or oneself) ... b ... lure, attract, entice, etc.	1 cause to do something through reasoning or argument. 2 cause to believe something. 3 (of a situation or event) provide a sound reason for (someone) to do something.	1 cause to do something through reasoning or argument. 2 cause to believe something. 3 (of a situation or event) provide a sound reason for (someone) to do something.
<b>potential (adj.)</b>			
capable of coming into being or action; latent.	capable of coming into being or action; latent.	having the capacity to develop into something in the future.	having the capacity to develop into something in the future.
<b>powder (n.)</b>			
1 a substance in the form of fine dry particles. 2 a medicine or cosmetic in this form. 3 = GUNPOWDER 1. ... <b>keep one's powder dry</b> be cautious and alert. <b>take a powder</b> <i>slang</i> depart quickly.	1 a substance in the form of fine dry particles. 2 a medicine or cosmetic in this form. 3 = GUNPOWDER 1. ... <b>keep one's powder dry</b> be cautious and alert. <b>take a powder</b> <i>slang</i> depart quickly.	1 fine dry particles produced by the grinding, crushing, or disintegration of a solid substance. 2 a cosmetic in this form applied to a person's face. 3 <i>dated</i> a medicine in this form. 4 loose, dry newly fallen snow. 5 short for GUNPOWDER (in sense 1).. PHRASES <b>keep one's powder dry</b> remain cautious and alert. <b>take a powder</b> <i>N. Amer. informal</i> depart quickly.	1 fine, dry particles produced by the grinding, crushing, or disintegration of a solid substance. 2 a cosmetic in this form applied to a person's face. 3 ... a medicine in this form. 4 loose, dry newly fallen snow. 5 gunpowder. ... PHRASES <b>keep one's powder dry</b> remain cautious and alert. <b>take a powder</b> ... depart quickly.
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>			
<i>Astron.</i> a cosmic source of regular and rapid pulses of radiation usu. at radio frequencies, e.g. a rotating neutron star.	<i>Astron.</i> a celestial object, thought to be a rapidly rotating neutron star, emitting regular pulses of radio waves and other electromagnetic radiation.	<i>Astron.</i> a celestial object, thought to be a rapidly rotating neutron star, that emits regular rapid pulses of radio waves	<i>Astron.</i> a celestial object, thought to be a rapidly rotating neutron star, that emits regular rapid pulses of radio waves
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>			
1 having a sharp or strong taste or smell, esp. so as to produce a pricking sensation. 2 (of remarks) penetrating, biting, caustic. 3. mentally stimulating. 4. <i>Biol.</i> having a sharp point.	1 having a sharp or strong taste or smell, esp. so as to produce a pricking sensation. 2 (of remarks) penetrating, biting, caustic. 3. mentally stimulating. 4. <i>Biol.</i> having a sharp point.	1 having a sharply strong taste or smell. 2 (of remarks or humour) sharp and caustic.	1 having a sharply strong taste or smell. 2 (of remarks or humour) sharp and caustic.
<b>quandary (n.)</b>			
1 a state of perplexity. 2 a difficult situation; a practical dilemma.	1 a state of perplexity. 2 a difficult situation; a practical dilemma.	1 a state of uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation	1 a state of uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation
<b>rancid</b>			
smelling or tasting like rank stale fat	smelling or tasting like rank stale fat	(of foods containing fat or oil) smelling or tasting unpleasant as a result of being stale.	1 (of foods containing fat or oil) smelling or tasting unpleasant as a result of being stale. 2 highly unpleasant; repugnant.
<b>rattan</b>			
1 any East Indian climbing palm of the genus <i>Calamus</i> etc. with long thin jointed pliable stems. 2 a piece of rattan stem used as a walking stick etc.	1 any Malaysian climbing palm of the genus <i>Calamus</i> etc. with long thin jointed pliable stems. 2 a piece of rattan stem used as a walking stick etc.	1 the thin, jointed stems of a palm, used to make furniture. 2 a length of such a stem used as a walking stick. 3 the tropical climbing palm which yields these stems. [ <i>Genus Calamus.</i> ]	1 the thin, jointed stems of a palm, used to make furniture. 2 a length of such a stem used as a walking stick. 3 the tropical climbing palm which yields rattan. [ <i>Genus Calamus.</i> ]
<b>redeem (v.)</b>			
1 buy back; recover by expenditure of effort or by a stipulated payment. 2 make a single payment to discharge (a regular charge or obligation). 3 convert (tokens or bonds etc.) into goods or cash. 4 (of God or Christ) deliver from sin and damnation. 5 make up for; be a compensating factor in ... 6 ... save from (a defect). 7 ... save (oneself) from blame. 8 purchase the freedom of (a	1 buy back; recover by expenditure of effort or by a stipulated payment. 2 make a single payment to discharge (a regular charge or obligation). 3 convert (tokens or bonds etc.) into goods or cash. 4 (of God or Christ) deliver from sin and damnation. 5 make up for; be a compensating factor in ... 6 ... save from (a defect). 7 ... save (oneself) from blame. 8 purchase the freedom of (a	1 compensate for the faults or bad aspects of ... ( <b>redeem oneself</b> ) make up for one's poor past performance or behaviour. > save from sin, error, or evil. 2 gain or regain possession of in exchange for payment. > ... repay (a stock, bond, etc.) at the maturity date. > exchange (a coupon) for goods or money. > clear (a debt). 3 fulfil (a pledge or promise.) 4 ... buy the freedom of.	1 compensate for the faults or bad aspects of ... ( <b>redeem oneself</b> ) make up for one's poor past performance or behaviour. ▪ save from sin, error, or evil. 2 gain or regain possession of in exchange for payment. ▪ ... repay (a stock, bond, etc.) at the maturity date. ▪ exchange (a coupon) for goods or money. ▪ clear (a debt). 3 fulfil (a pledge or promise.) 4 ... buy the freedom of.

person). 9 save (a person's life) by ransom. 10 save or rescue or reclaim. 11 fulfil (a promise).	person). 9 save (a person's life) by ransom. 10 save or rescue or reclaim. 11 fulfil (a promise).		
<b>ski (n.)</b>			
1 each of a pair of long narrow pieces of wood etc., usu. pointed and turned up at the front, fastened, under the feet for travelling over snow. 2 a similar device under a vehicle or aircraft. 3 = WATER-SKI. 4 ... for wear when skiing	1 each of a pair of long narrow pieces of wood etc., usu. pointed and turned up at the front, fastened, under the feet for travelling over snow. 2 a similar device under a vehicle or aircraft. 3 = WATER-SKI. 4 ... for wear when skiing	each of a pair of long, narrow pieces of hard, flexible material fastened under the feet for travelling over snow. > a similar device attached beneath a vehicle or aircraft.	each of a pair of long, narrow pieces of hard, flexible material fastened under the feet for travelling over snow. *a similar device attached beneath a vehicle or aircraft.
<b>ski (v.)</b>			
1 ... travel on skis. 2 ... ski at (a place).	1 ... travel on skis. 2 ... ski at (a place).	travel over snow on skis	travel over snow on skis
<b>skill (n.)</b>			
expertness, practised ability, facility in an action; dexterity or tact.	expertness, practised ability, facility in an action; dexterity or tact.	the ability to do something well; expertise or dexterity.	the ability to do something well; expertise or dexterity.
<b>solitude (n.)</b>			
1 the state of being solitary. 2 a lonely place.	1 the state of being solitary. 2 a lonely place.	1 the state of being alone. > a lonely or uninhabited place.	1 the state of being alone. 2 a lonely or uninhabited place.
<b>steppe (n.)</b>			
a level grassy unforested plain, esp. in SE Europe and Siberia.	a level grassy unforested plain, esp. in SE Europe and Siberia.	a large area of flat unforested grassland in SE Europe or Siberia	a large area of flat unforested grassland in SE Europe or Siberia
<b>stifle (v.)</b>			
1 ... smother, suppress ... 2 ... experience or cause to experience constraint of breathing ... 3 ... kill by suffocating	1 ... smother, suppress ... 2 ... experience or cause to experience constraint of breathing ... 3 ... kill by suffocating	1 prevent from breathing freely; suffocate. 2 smother or suppress... > prevent or constrain (an activity or idea)	1 prevent from breathing freely; suffocate. 2 smother or suppress... * prevent or constrain (an activity or idea)
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>			
niggardly, mean	niggardly, mean	mean; ungenerous	mean; ungenerous
<b>stipend (n.)</b>			
a fixed regular allowance or salary, esp. paid to a clergyman	a fixed regular allowance or salary, esp. <i>Brit.</i> one paid to a clergyman	a fixed regular sum paid as a salary or as expenses to a clergyman, teacher, or public official.	a fixed regular sum paid as a salary or as expenses to a clergyman, teacher, or public official.
<b>Terylene</b>			
a synthetic polyester used as a textile fibre	a synthetic polyester used as a textile fibre	a polyester fibre used to make light, crease-resistant clothing, bed linen, and sails	a polyester fibre used to make light, crease-resistant clothing, bed linen, and sails
<b>trudge (v.)</b>			
1 ... go on foot esp. laboriously. 2 ... traverse (a distance) in this way.	1 ... go on foot esp. laboriously. 2 ... traverse (a distance) in this way.	walk slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or harsh conditions.	walk slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or difficult conditions.
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>			
1 a a tubular or conical brass instrument with a flared bell and a bright penetrating tone. b its player. c an organ stop with a quality resembling a trumpet. 2 a the tubular corona of a daffodil etc. b a trumpet-shaped thing ... 3 a sound of or like a trumpet.	1 a a tubular or conical brass instrument with a flared bell and a bright penetrating tone. b a trumpet-player. c an organ stop with a quality resembling a trumpet. 2 a the tubular corona of a daffodil etc. b a trumpet-shaped thing ... 3 a sound of or like a trumpet.	1 a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone. > an organ stop with a quality resembling that of a trumpet. 2 something shaped like a trumpet, especially the tubular corona of a daffodil flower. 3 the loud cry of an elephant. ... PHRASES <b>blow one's (own) trumpet</b> ... talk openly and boastfully about one's achievements.	1 a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone. *an organ stop with a quality resembling that of a trumpet. 2 something shaped like a trumpet, especially the tubular corona of a daffodil flower. 3 the loud cry of an elephant. ... PHRASES <b>blow one's (own) trumpet</b> ... talk boastfully about one's achievements.
<b>wrench (n.)</b>			
1 a violent twist or oblique pull or act of tearing off. 2 an adjustable tool like a spanner for gripping and turning nuts etc. 3 an instance of painful uprooting or parting ... 4 <i>Physics</i> a combination of a couple with the force along its axis	1 a violent twist or oblique pull or act of tearing off. 2 an adjustable tool like a spanner for gripping and turning nuts etc. 3 an instance of painful uprooting or parting ... 4 <i>Mech.</i> a combination of a couple with a force along its axis	1 a sudden violent twist or pull. 2 a feeling of abrupt pain and distress caused by one's own or another's departure. 3 an adjustable tool like a spanner, used for gripping and turning nuts or bolts. 4 <i>Mechanics</i> a combination of a couple with a force along its axis.	1 sudden violent twist or pull. 2 a feeling of abrupt pain and distress caused by one's own or another's departure. 3 an adjustable tool like a spanner, used for gripping and turning nuts or bolts. 4 <i>Mechanics</i> a combination of a couple with a force along its axis.

Table XI. The Collegiate Dictionary

Collegiate10 (1993)	Collegiate11 (2004)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>	
<b>1</b> : sunk to or existing in a low state or condition ... <b>2 a</b> : cast down in spirit : SERVILE, SPIRITLESS ... <b>b</b> : showing utter hopelessness or resignation ... <b>3</b> : expressing or offered in a humble and often ingratiating spirit	<b>1</b> : sunk to or existing in a low state or condition ... <b>2 a</b> : cast down in spirit : SERVILE, SPIRITLESS ... <b>b</b> : showing hopelessness or resignation ... <b>3</b> : expressing or offered in a humble and often ingratiating spirit
<b>accuse (v.)</b>	
<b>1</b> : to charge with a fault or offense : BLAME <b>2</b> : to charge with an offense judicially or by a public process ... : to bring an accusation	<b>1</b> : to charge with a fault or offense : BLAME <b>2</b> : to charge with an offense judicially or by a public process ... : to bring an accusation
<b>can (n.)</b>	
<b>1</b> : a usu. cylindrical receptacle: <b>a</b> : a vessel for holding liquids; <i>specif</i> : a drinking vessel <b>b</b> : a usu. metal typically cylindrical receptacle usu. with an open top, often with a removable cover, and sometimes with a spout or side handles (as for holding milk or trash) <b>c</b> : a container (as of tinplate) in which products (as perishable foods) are hermetically sealed for preservation until use <b>d</b> : a jar for packing or preserving fruit or vegetables <b>2</b> : JAIL <b>3 a</b> : TOILET <b>b</b> : BATHROOM <b>1 4</b> : BUTTOCKS <b>5</b> : DESTROYER <b>2 6</b> slang: an ounce of marijuana ... <b>in the can</b> of a film or videotape : completed and ready for release	<b>1</b> : a usu. cylindrical receptacle: <b>a</b> : a vessel for holding liquids; <i>specif</i> : a drinking vessel <b>b</b> : a usu. metal typically cylindrical receptacle usu. with an open top, often with a removable cover, and sometimes with a spout or side handles (as for holding milk or trash) <b>c</b> : a container (as of tinplate) in which products (as perishable foods) are hermetically sealed for preservation until use <b>d</b> : a jar for packing or preserving fruit or vegetables <b>2</b> : JAIL <b>3 a</b> : TOILET <b>b</b> : BATHROOM <b>1 4</b> : BUTTOCKS <b>5</b> : DESTROYER <b>2 ... in the can</b> of a film or videotape : completed and ready for release
<b>compulsory</b>	
<b>1</b> : MANDATORY, ENFORCED <b>2</b> : COERCIVE, COMPELLING	<b>1</b> : MANDATORY, ENFORCED ... <b>2</b> : COERCIVE, COMPELLING
<b>dimple (n.)</b>	
<b>1</b> : a slight natural indentation in the surface of some part of the human body <b>2</b> : a depression or indentation on a surface (as of a golf ball)	<b>1</b> : a slight natural indentation in the surface of some part of the human body <b>2</b> : a depression or indentation on a surface (as of a golf ball)
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>	
<b>1</b> : marked by eminence, distinction, or excellence <b>2</b> : befitting an eminent person	<b>1</b> : marked by eminence, distinction, or excellence <b>2</b> : befitting an eminent person
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>	
<b>1 a</b> : to place in doubt, perplexity, or difficulties <b>b</b> : to involve in financial difficulties <b>c</b> : to cause to experience a state of self-conscious distress ... <b>2 a</b> : to hamper the movement of <b>b</b> : HINDER, IMPEDE <b>3</b> : to make intricate : COMPLICATE <b>4</b> : to impair the activity of (a bodily function) or the function of (a bodily part)	<b>1 a</b> : to place in doubt, perplexity, or difficulties <b>b</b> : to involve in financial difficulties <b>c</b> : to cause to experience a state of self-conscious distress ... <b>2 a</b> : to hamper the movement of <b>b</b> : HINDER, IMPEDE <b>3</b> : to make intricate : COMPLICATE <b>4</b> : to impair the activity of (a bodily function) or the function of (a bodily part)
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>	
with embarrassment	with embarrassment
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>	
(no entry)	(no entry)
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>	
<b>1 a</b> : something that embarrasses : IMPEDIMENT <b>b</b> : an excessive quantity from which to select -- used esp. in the phrase <i>embarrassment of riches</i> <b>2</b> : the state of being embarrassed: as <b>a</b> : confusion or disturbance of mind <b>b</b> : difficulty arising from the want of money to pay debts <b>c</b> : difficulty in functioning as a result of disease	<b>1 a</b> : something that embarrasses ... <b>b</b> : an excessive quantity from which to select -- used esp. in the phrase <i>embarrassment of riches</i> <b>2</b> : the state of being embarrassed: as <b>a</b> : confusion or disturbance of mind <b>b</b> : difficulty arising from the want of money to pay debts <b>c</b> : difficulty in functioning as a result of disease
<b>feather (n.)</b>	
<b>1 a</b> : any of the light horny epidermal outgrowths that form the external covering of the body of birds and that consist of a shaft bearing on each side a series of barbs which bear barbules which in turn bear barbicels commonly ending in hooked hamuli and interlocking with the barbules of an adjacent barb to link the barbs into a continuous vane <b>b</b> : PLUME <b>c</b> : the vane of an arrow <b>2 a</b> : PLUMAGE <b>b</b> : KIND, NATURE ... <b>c</b> : ATTIRE, DRESS <b>d</b> : CONDITION, MOOD <b>3</b> : FEATHERING <b>2 4</b> : a projecting strip, rib, fin, or flange <b>5</b> : a feathery flaw in the eye or in a precious stone <b>6</b> : the act of feathering an oar	<b>1 a</b> : any of the light horny epidermal outgrowths that form the external covering of the body of birds and that consist of a shaft bearing on each side a series of barbs which bear barbules which in turn bear barbicels commonly ending in hooked hamuli and interlocking with the barbules of an adjacent barb to link the barbs into a continuous vane <b>b</b> archaic PLUME <b>2 a c</b> : the vane of an arrow <b>2 a</b> : PLUMAGE <b>b</b> : KIND, NATURE ... <b>c</b> : ATTIRE, DRESS <b>d</b> : CONDITION, MOOD <b>e pl</b> : COMPOSURE <b>3</b> : FEATHERING <b>2 4</b> : a projecting strip, rib, fin, or flange <b>5</b> : a feathery flaw in the eye or in a precious stone <b>6</b> : the act of feathering an oar
<b>gherkin</b>	
<b>1 a</b> : a small prickly fruit used for pickling; also : a pickle made from this fruit <b>b</b> : the slender annual vine ( <i>Cucumis anguria</i> ) of the gourd family that bears it <b>2</b> : the immature fruit of the cucumber esp. when used for pickling	<b>1 a</b> : a small prickly fruit used for pickling; also : a pickle made from this fruit <b>b</b> : the slender annual vine ( <i>Cucumis anguria</i> ) of the gourd family that bears gherkins <b>2</b> : the immature fruit of the cucumber esp. when used for pickling
<b>grout (n.)</b>	
<b>1a</b> : thin mortar used for filling spaces (as the joints in masonry); <i>also</i> : any of various other materials (as a mixture of cement and water or chemicals that solidify) used for a similar purpose <b>b</b> : PLASTER <b>2</b> : LEES	<b>1a</b> : thin mortar used for filling spaces (as the joints in masonry); <i>also</i> : any of various other materials (as a mixture of cement and water or chemicals that solidify) used for a similar purpose <b>b</b> : PLASTER <b>2</b> : LEES
<b>hard (adj.)</b>	
<b>1 a</b> : not easily penetrated : not easily yielding to pressure <b>b of cheese</b> : not capable of being spread : very firm <b>2 a of liquor</b> (1) : having a harsh or acid taste (2) : strongly alcoholic <b>b</b> : characterized by the presence of salts (as of calcium or magnesium) that prevent	<b>1 a</b> : not easily penetrated : not easily yielding to pressure <b>b of cheese</b> : not capable of being spread : very firm <b>2 a of liquor</b> (1) : having a harsh or acid taste (2) : strongly alcoholic <b>b</b> : characterized by the presence of salts (as of calcium or magnesium) that prevent

lathering with soap ... <b>3 a</b> : of or relating to radiation of relatively high penetrating power ... <b>b</b> : having or producing relatively great photographic contrast ... <b>4 a</b> : metallic as distinct from paper ... <b>b of currency</b> : convertible into gold : stable in value <b>c</b> : usable as currency ... <b>d of currency</b> : readily acceptable in international trade <b>e</b> : being high and firm ... <b>5 a</b> : firmly and closely twisted ... <b>b</b> : having a smooth close napless finish ... <b>6 a</b> : physically fit ... <b>b</b> : resistant to stress (as disease) <b>c</b> : free of weakness or defects <b>7 a</b> (1) : FIRM, DEFINITE ... (2) : not speculative or conjectural : FACTUAL ... (3) : important or informative rather than sensational or entertaining ... <b>b</b> : CLOSE, SEARCHING ... <b>c</b> : free from sentimentality or illusion : REALISTIC ... <b>d</b> : lacking in responsiveness : OB DURATE, UNFEELING ... <b>8 a</b> (1) : difficult to bear or endure ... (2) : OPPRESSIVE, INEQUITABLE ... <b>b</b> (1) : lacking consideration, compassion, or gentleness : CALLOUS ... (2) : INCORRIGIBLE, TOUCH ... <b>c</b> (1) : harsh, severe, or offensive in tendency or effect ... (2) : RESENTFUL ... (3) : STRICT, UNRELENTING ... <b>d</b> : INCLEMENT ... <b>e</b> (1) : intense in force, manner, or degree ... (2) : demanding the exertion of energy : calling for stamina and endurance ... (3) : performing or carrying on with great energy, intensity, or persistence ... <b>f</b> : EXTREME <b>4 a</b> ... <b>9 a</b> : characterized by sharp or harsh outline, rigid execution, and stiff drawing <b>b</b> : sharply defined : STARK ... <b>c</b> : lacking in shading, delicacy, or resonance ... <b>d</b> : sounding as in <i>arcing</i> and <i>geese</i> respectively – used of <b>c</b> and <b>g</b> <b>e</b> : suggestive of toughness or insensitivity ... <b>10 a</b> (1) difficult to accomplish or resolve : TROUBLESOME ... (2) : difficult to comprehend or explain ... <b>b</b> : having difficulty in doing something ... <b>c</b> : difficult to magnetize or demagnetize <b>11</b> : being at once addictive and gravely detrimental to health ... <b>12</b> : resistant to biodegradation ... <b>13</b> : being, schooled in, or using the methods of the natural sciences and esp. of the physical sciences	lathering with soap ... <b>3 a</b> : of or relating to radiation of relatively high penetrating power : having high energy ... <b>b</b> : having or producing relatively great photographic contrast ... <b>4 a</b> : metallic as distinct from paper ... <b>b of currency</b> : convertible into gold : stable in value <b>c</b> : usable as currency ... <b>d of currency</b> : readily acceptable in international trade <b>e</b> : being high and firm ... <b>5 a</b> : firmly and closely twisted ... <b>b</b> : having a smooth close napless finish ... <b>6 a</b> : physically fit ... <b>b</b> : resistant to stress or disease <b>c</b> : free of weakness or defects <b>7 a</b> (1) : FIRM, DEFINITE ... (2) : not speculative or conjectural : FACTUAL ... (3) : important or informative rather than sensational or entertaining ... <b>b</b> : CLOSE, SEARCHING ... <b>c</b> : free from sentimentality or illusion : REALISTIC ... <b>d</b> : lacking in responsiveness : OB DURATE, UNFEELING ... <b>8 a</b> (1) : difficult to bear or endure ... (2) : OPPRESSIVE, INEQUITABLE ... <b>b</b> (1) : lacking consideration, compassion, or gentleness : CALLOUS ... (2) : INCORRIGIBLE, TOUCH ... <b>c</b> (1) : harsh, severe, or offensive in tendency or effect ... (2) : RESENTFUL ... (3) : STRICT, UNRELENTING ... <b>d</b> : INCLEMENT ... <b>e</b> (1) : intense in force, manner, or degree ... (2) : demanding the exertion of energy : calling for stamina and endurance ... (3) : performing or carrying on with great energy, intensity, or persistence ... <b>f</b> : EXTREME <b>4 a</b> ... <b>9 a</b> : characterized by sharp or harsh outline, rigid execution, and stiff drawing <b>b</b> : sharply defined : STARK ... <b>c</b> : lacking in shading, delicacy, or resonance ... <b>d</b> : sounding as in <i>arcing</i> and <i>geese</i> respectively – used of <b>c</b> and <b>g</b> <b>e</b> : suggestive of toughness or insensitivity ... <b>10 a</b> (1) difficult to accomplish or resolve : TROUBLESOME ... (2) : difficult to comprehend or explain ... <b>b</b> : having difficulty in doing something ... <b>c</b> : difficult to magnetize or demagnetize <b>11</b> : being at once addictive and gravely detrimental to health ... <b>12</b> : resistant to biodegradation ... <b>13</b> : being, schooled in, or using the methods of the natural sciences and esp. of the physical sciences ... <b>14</b> of money : contributed (as by individuals or political action committees) directly to a particular candidate or campaign
<b>hiccup (n.)</b>	
<b>1</b> : a spasmodic inhalation with closure of the glottis accompanied by a peculiar sound <b>2</b> : an attack of hiccuping	<b>1</b> : a spasmodic inhalation with closure of the glottis accompanied by a peculiar sound <b>2</b> : an attack of hiccuping ... <b>3 a</b> : a slight irregularity, error, or malfunction ... <b>b</b> : usu. minor and short-lived interruption or disruption, or change
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>	
a person from a backwoods area	a person from a backwoods area
<b>hire (v.)</b>	
<b>1 a</b> : to engage the personal services of for a set sum ... <b>b</b> : to engage the temporary use of for a fixed sum ... <b>2</b> : to grant the personal services of or temporary use of for a fixed sum ... <b>3</b> : to get done for pay ... : to take employment	<b>1 a</b> : to engage the personal services of for a set sum ... <b>b</b> : to engage the temporary use of for a fixed sum ... <b>2</b> : to grant the personal services of or temporary use of for a fixed sum ... <b>3</b> : to get done for pay ... : to take employment
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>	
<b>1</b> ... to drink sociably <b>2</b> ... to associate familiarly	<b>1</b> ... to drink sociably <b>2</b> ... to associate familiarly
<b>horde (n.)</b>	
<b>1</b> ... a political subdivision of central Asian nomads ... a people or tribe of nomadic life <b>2</b> ... a teeming crowd or throng : SWARM	<b>1</b> ... a political subdivision of central Asian nomads ... a people or tribe of nomadic life <b>2</b> ... a teeming crowd or throng : SWARM
<b>hormone (n.)</b>	
<b>1</b> ... a product of living cells that circulates in body fluids or sap and produces a specific effect on the activity of cells remote from its point of origin; <i>esp</i> : one exerting a stimulatory effect on a cellular activity <b>2</b> ... a synthetic substance that acts like a hormone	<b>1</b> ... a product of living cells that circulates in body fluids (as blood) or sap and produces a specific often stimulatory effect on the activity of cells usu. remote from its point of origin; <i>also</i> : a synthetic substance that acts like a hormone <b>2</b> : SEX HORMONE
<b>instigate (v.)</b>	
to goad or urge forward : PROVOKE	to goad or urge forward : PROVOKE
<b>insult (v.)</b>	
<i>archaic</i> to behave with pride or arrogance : VAUNT ... : to treat with insolence, indignity, or contempt : AFRONT, <i>also</i> : to affect offensively or damagingly	<i>archaic</i> to behave with pride or arrogance : VAUNT ... : to treat with insolence, indignity, or contempt : AFRONT, <i>also</i> : to affect offensively or damagingly
<b>loom (v.)</b>	
<b>1</b> : to come into sight in enlarged or distorted and indistinct form often as a result of atmospheric conditions <b>2</b> ... to appear in an impressively great or exaggerated form ... to take shape as an impending occurrence	<b>1</b> : to come into sight in enlarged or distorted and indistinct form often as a result of atmospheric conditions <b>2</b> ... to appear in an impressively great or exaggerated form ... to take shape as an impending occurrence
<b>loophole (n.)</b>	
<b>1</b> ... a small opening through which small arms may be fired ... a similar opening to admit light and air or to permit observation ... a means of escape; <i>esp</i> : an ambiguity or omission in the text through which the intent of a statute, contract, or obligation may be evaded	<b>1</b> ... a small opening through which small arms may be fired ... a similar opening to admit light and air or to permit observation ... a means of escape; <i>esp</i> : an ambiguity or omission in the text through which the intent of a statute, contract, or obligation may be evaded
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>	
<b>1</b> : leaning to one side <b>2</b> : lacking in balance, symmetry, or proportion : disproportionately heavy on one side	<b>1</b> : leaning to one side <b>2</b> : lacking in balance, symmetry, or proportion : disproportionately heavy on one side

<b>inquisitive</b>	
1 : given to examination or investigation 2 : inclined to ask questions; esp : inordinately or improperly curious about the affairs of others	1 : given to examination or investigation 2 : inclined to ask questions; esp : inordinately or improperly curious about the affairs of others
<b>inscrutable</b>	
not readily investigated, interpreted, or understood : MYSTERIOUS	not readily investigated, interpreted, or understood : MYSTERIOUS
<b>obfuscate</b>	
1a: DARKEN b: to make obscure 2: CONFUSE	1a: DARKEN b: to make obscure ... 2: CONFUSE ... : to be evasive, unclear, or confusing
<b>parrot (n.)</b>	
1 : any of numerous widely distributed tropical zygodactyl birds (order Psittaciformes and esp. family Psittacidae) that have a distinctive stout curved hooked bill, are often crested and brightly variegated, and include some excellent mimics 2 : a person who sedulously echoes another's words	1 : any of numerous widely distributed tropical birds (order Psittaciformes and esp. family Psittacidae) that are often crested and brightly colored, have a distinctive stout hooked bill and zygodactyl feet, and include some excellent mimics 2 : a person who sedulously echoes another's words
<b>permission</b>	
1 : the act of permitting 2 : formal consent : AUTHORIZATION	1 : the act of permitting 2 : formal consent : AUTHORIZATION
<b>persuade</b>	
1 : to move by argument, entreaty, or expostulation to a belief, position, or course of action 2 : to plead with : URGE	1 : to move by argument, entreaty, or expostulation to a belief, position, or course of action 2 : to plead with : URGE
<b>potential (adj.)</b>	
1 : existing in possibility : capable of development into actuality ... 2 : expressing possibility; <i>specif</i> : of, relating to, or constituting a verb phrase expressing possibility, liberty, or power by the use of an auxiliary with the infinitive of the verb (as in "it may rain")	1 : existing in possibility : capable of development into actuality ... 2 : expressing possibility; <i>specif</i> : of, relating to, or constituting a verb phrase, expressing possibility liberty, or power by the use of an auxiliary with the infinitive of the verb (as in "it may rain")
<b>powder (n.)</b>	
1 : matter in a finely divided state : particulate matter 2 a : a preparation in the form of fine particles esp. for medicinal or cosmetic use b : fine dry light snow 3 : any of various solid explosives used chiefly in gunnery and blasting	1 : matter in a finely divided state : particulate matter 2 a : a preparation in the form of fine particles esp. for medicinal or cosmetic use b : fine dry light snow 3 : any of various solid explosives used chiefly in gunnery and blasting
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>	
a celestial source of pulsating electromagnetic radiation (as radio waves) characterized by a short relatively constant interval (as .033 second) between pulses that is held to be a rotating neutron star	a celestial source of pulsating electromagnetic radiation (as radio waves) characterized by a short relatively constant interval (as .033 second) between pulses that is held to be a rotating neutron star
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>	
1 : sharply painful 2 : having a stiff and sharp point ... 3 ... marked by a sharp incisive quality : CAUSTIC ... being sharp and to the point 4 : causing a sharp or irritating sensation; esp : ACRID	1 : sharply painful 2 : having a stiff and sharp point ... 3 ... marked by a sharp incisive quality : CAUSTIC ... being sharp and to the point 4 : causing a sharp or irritating sensation; esp : ACRID ... having an intense flavor or odor
<b>quandary (n.)</b>	
a state of perplexity or doubt	a state of perplexity or doubt
<b>rancid</b>	
1: having a rank smell or taste 2: OFFENSIVE	1: having a rank smell or taste 2: OFFENSIVE
<b>rattan</b>	
1: a rattan cane or switch 2a: a climbing palm (esp. of the genera <i>Calamus</i> and <i>Daemonorops</i> ) with very long tough stems b: a part of the stem of a rattan used esp. for walking sticks and wickerwork	1: a rattan cane or switch 2a: a climbing palm (esp. of the genera <i>Calamus</i> and <i>Daemonorops</i> ) with very long tough stems b: a part of the jointed stem of a rattan used esp. for furniture, wickerwork, and walking sticks
<b>redeem (v.)</b>	
1 a : to buy back : REPURCHASE b : to get or win back a : to free from what distresses or harms: as a : to free from captivity by payment of ransom b : to extricate from or help to overcome something detrimental c : to release from blame or debt : CLEAR d : to free from the consequences of sin 3 : to change for the better : REFORM 4 : REPAIR, RESTORE 5 a : to free from a lien by payment of an amount secured thereby b ... to remove the obligation of by payment ... to exchange for something of value ... c : to make good : FULFILL 6 a : to atone for : EXPIATE ... : to offset the bad effect of ... to make worthwhile : RETRIEVE	1 a : to buy back : REPURCHASE b : to get or win back a : to free from what distresses or harms: as a : to free from captivity by payment of ransom b : to extricate from or help to overcome something detrimental c : to release from blame or debt : CLEAR d : to free from the consequences of sin 3 : to change for the better : REFORM 4 : REPAIR, RESTORE 5 a : to free from a lien by payment of an amount secured thereby b ... to remove the obligation of by payment ... to exchange for something of value ... c : to make good : FULFILL 6 a : to atone for : EXPIATE ... : to offset the bad effect of ... to make worthwhile : RETRIEVE
<b>ski (n.)</b>	
1 a : one of a pair of narrow strips of wood, metal, or plastic curving upward in front that are used esp. for gliding over snow b : WATER SKI 2 : a piece of material that resembles a ski and is used as a runner on a vehicle	1 a : one of a pair of narrow strips of wood, metal, or plastic curving upward in front that are used esp. for gliding over snow b : WATER SKI 2 : a piece of material that resembles a ski and is used as a runner on a vehicle
<b>ski (v.)</b>	
to glide on skis in travel or as a sport ... : to travel or pass over on skis	to glide on skis in travel or as a sport ... : to travel or pass over on skis
<b>skill (n.)</b>	
1 <i>obs</i> : CAUSE, REASON 2 a : the ability to use one's knowledge effectively and readily in execution or performance b : dexterity or coordination esp. in the execution of learned physical tasks 3 : a learned power of doing something competently : a developed aptitude or ability	1 <i>obs</i> : CAUSE, REASON 2 a : the ability to use one's knowledge effectively and readily in execution or performance b : dexterity or coordination esp. in the execution of learned physical tasks 3 : a learned power of doing something competently : a developed aptitude or ability
<b>solitude (n.)</b>	

1 : the quality or state of being alone or remote from society : SECLUSION 2 : a lonely place (as a desert)	1 : the quality or state of being alone or remote from society : SECLUSION 2 : a lonely place (as a desert)
<b>steppe (n.)</b>	
1 : one of the vast usu. level and treeless tracts in southern Europe or Asia 2 : arid land with xerophilous vegetation found usu. in regions of extreme temperature range and loess soil	1 : one of the vast usu. level and treeless tracts in southern Europe or Asia 2 : arid land with xerophilous vegetation found usu. in regions of extreme temperature range and loess soil
<b>stifle (v.)</b>	
1 a : to kill by depriving of oxygen : SUFFOCATE b ... SMOTHER ... MUFFLE 2 a : to cut off (as the voice or breath) b : to withhold from circulation or expression : REPRESS ... c : DETER, DISCOURAGE ... to become suffocated by or as if by lack of oxygen : SMOTHER	1 a : to kill by depriving of oxygen : SUFFOCATE b ... SMOTHER ... MUFFLE 2 a : to cut off (as the voice or breath) b : to withhold from circulation or expression : REPRESS ... c : DETER, DISCOURAGE ... to become suffocated by or as if by lack of oxygen : SMOTHER
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>	
1 : not generous or liberal : sparing or scant in giving or spending 2 : meanly scanty or small	1 : not generous or liberal : sparing or scant in using , giving or spending 2 : meanly scanty or small
<b>stipend (n.)</b>	
a fixed sum of money paid periodically for services or to defray expenses	a fixed sum of money paid periodically for services or to defray expenses
<b>Terylene</b>	
(no entry)	(no entry)
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>	
1 a : a wind instrument consisting of a conical or cylindrical usu. metal tube, a cup-shaped mouthpiece, and a flared bell: <i>specif</i> : a valved brass instrument having a cylindrical tube with two turns and a usual range from F sharp below middle C upward for 2 1/2 octaves b : a musical instrument (as a cornet) resembling a trumpet 2 : a trumpet player 3 : something that resembles a trumpet or its tonal quality: as a : a funnel-shaped instrument (as a megaphone) for collecting, directing, or intensifying sound b (1) : a stentorian voice (2) : a penetrating cry (as of an elephant)	1 a : a wind instrument consisting of a conical or cylindrical usu. metal tube, a cup-shaped mouthpiece, and a flared bell: <i>specif</i> : a valved brass instrument having a cylindrical tube with two turns and a usual range from F sharp below middle C upward for 2 1/2 octaves b : a musical instrument (as a cornet) resembling a trumpet 2 : a trumpet player 3 : something that resembles a trumpet or its tonal quality: as a : a funnel-shaped instrument (as a megaphone) for collecting, directing, or intensifying sound b (1) : a stentorian voice (2) : a penetrating cry (as of an elephant)
<b>trudge (v.)</b>	
to walk or march steadily and usu. laboriously ... : to trudge along or over	to walk or march steadily and usu. laboriously ... : to trudge along or over
<b>wrench (n.)</b>	
1a: a violent twisting or a pull with or as if with twisting b: a sharp twist or sudden jerk straining muscles or ligaments; <i>also</i> : the resultant injury (as of a joint) c: a distorting or perverting alteration d: acute emotional distress: sudden violent mental change 2: a hand or power tool for holding, twisting, or turning an object (as a bolt or nut) 3: MONKEY WRENCH <sup>2</sup>	1a: a violent twisting or a pull with or as if with twisting b: a sharp twist or sudden jerk straining muscles or ligaments; <i>also</i> : the resultant injury (as of a joint) c: a distorting or perverting alteration d: acute emotional distress: sudden violent mental change 2: a hand or power tool for holding, twisting, or turning an object (as a bolt or nut) 3: MONKEY WRENCH <sup>2</sup>

Table XII. The ODE

ODE1/NODE (1998)	ODE2 (2003)
<b>abject (adj.)</b>	
1 (of a situation or condition) extremely bad, unpleasant, and degrading ... ▪ (of an unhappy state of mind) experienced to the maximum degree ... ▪ (of a failure) absolute and humiliating. 2 (of a person or their behaviour) completely without pride or dignity; self-abasing	1 (of something bad) experienced or present to the maximum degree ... ▪ (of a situation or condition) extremely unpleasant and degrading ... 2 (of a person or their behaviour) completely without pride or dignity; self-abasing
<b>accuse (v.)</b>	
charge (someone) with an offence or crime ... ▪claim that (someone) has done something wrong	charge (someone) with an offence or crime ... ▪claim that (someone) has done something wrong
<b>can (n.)</b>	
1 a cylindrical metal container ... a small steel or aluminium container in which food or drink is hermetically sealed for storage over long periods ... ▪the quantity of food or drink held by such a container ... ▪a container for wine, typically a two-litre glass bottle. 2 ( <b>the can</b> ) <i>N. Amer. informal</i> prison. 3 ( <b>the can</b> ) <i>N. Amer. informal</i> the toilet. 4 ( <b>cans</b> ) <i>informal</i> headphones.	1 a cylindrical metal container ... a small steel or aluminium container in which food or drink is hermetically sealed for storage over long periods ... ▪the quantity of food or drink held by a can ... 2 ( <b>the can</b> ) ... prison. 3 ( <b>the can</b> ) ... the toilet. 4 ( <b>cans</b> ) ... headphones.
<b>compulsory</b>	
required by law or a rule; obligatory ... ▪ involving or exercising compulsion; coercive	required by law or a rule; obligatory ... ▪ involving or exercising compulsion; coercive
<b>dimple (n.)</b>	
a small depression in the flesh, either one that exists permanently or one that forms in the cheeks when one smiles ... ▪ a slight depression in the surface of something	a small depression in the flesh, either one that exists permanently or one that forms in the cheeks when one smiles ... ▪ a slight depression in the surface of an object
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>	
very successful, authoritative, and commanding great respect	very successful, authoritative, and commanding great respect ... ▪ dignified and noble in appearance or manner
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>	
1 cause (someone) to feel awkward, self-conscious, or ashamed ... ▪( <b>be embarrassed</b> ) be caused financial difficulties ... ▪ <i>archaic</i> hamper or impede (a person, movement, or action) ▪ <i>archaic</i> make difficult or intricate; complicate	1 cause (someone) to feel awkward, self-conscious, or ashamed ... ▪( <b>be embarrassed</b> ) be caused financial difficulties ... 2 <i>archaic</i> hamper or impede (a person or action) ▪ <i>archaic</i> make difficult or intricate; complicate
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>	
feeling or showing embarrassment ... ▪ having or showing financial difficulties	feeling or showing embarrassment ... ▪ having or showing financial difficulties
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>	
causing embarrassment	causing embarrassment
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>	
a feeling of self-consciousness, shame, or awkwardness ... ▪ a person or thing causing such feelings ... ▪financial difficulty	a feeling of self-consciousness, shame, or awkwardness ... ▪ a person or thing causing feelings of embarrassment ... ▪financial difficulty
<b>feather (n.)</b>	
any of the flat appendages growing from a bird's skin and forming its plumage, consisting of a partly hollow horny shaft fringed with vanes of barbs. ▪(feathers) a fringe of long hair on the legs of a dog, horse, or other animal. ▪a small side branch on a tree ... PHRASES a feather in one's cap an achievement to be proud of. feather one's (own) nest make money illicitly and at someone else's expense. (as) light as a feather extremely light and insubstantial.	any of the flat appendages growing from a bird's skin and forming its plumage, consisting of a partly hollow horny shaft fringed with vanes of barbs. ▪(feathers) a fringe of long hair on the legs of a dog, horse, or other animal. ▪a small side branch on a tree ... PHRASES a feather in one's cap an achievement to be proud of. feather one's (own) nest make money illicitly and at someone else's expense. (as) light as a feather extremely light and insubstantial.
<b>gherkin</b>	
a small variety of cucumber, or a young green cucumber used for pickling	a small variety of cucumber, or a young green cucumber used for pickling
<b>grout (n.)</b>	
a mortar or paste for filling crevices, especially the gaps between wall or floor tiles	a mortar or paste for filling crevices, especially the gaps between wall or floor tiles
<b>hard (adj)</b>	
1 solid, firm, and rigid; not easily broken, bent, or pierced ... ▪(of a person) not showing any signs of weakness; tough ... ▪(of information) reliable, especially because based on something true or substantiated ... ▪(of a subject of study) dealing with precise and verifiable facts ... ▪(of a consonant) pronounced as a velar plosive (as <i>c</i> in <i>cat</i> , <i>g</i> in <i>go</i> ). ▪(of prices of shares, commodities, etc.) high and stable; firm. ▪(of science fiction) scientifically accurate rather than purely fantastic or whimsical ... 2 requiring a great deal of endurance or physical or mental effort ... ▪putting a lot of energy into an activity ... ▪difficult to bear; causing suffering ... ▪not showing sympathy or affection; strict ... ▪denoting an extreme or dogmatic faction within a political party ... ▪(of a season or the weather) severe ... ▪harsh or unpleasant to the sense ... ▪(of wine) harsh or sharp to the taste, especially because of tannin. 3 done with a great deal of force or strength ... 4 very potent, powerful, or intense, in particular: ▪(of liquor) strongly alcoholic; spirit rather than beer or wine. ▪(of a drug) potent and addictive. ▪(of water) containing mineral salts that	1 solid, firm, and rigid; not easily broken, bent, or pierced ... ▪(of a person) not showing any signs of weakness; tough ... ▪(of prices of shares, commodities, etc.) high and stable; firm. 2 done with a great deal of force or strength: <i>a hard whack</i> . 3 requiring a great deal of endurance or physical or mental effort ... ▪putting a lot of energy into an activity ... ▪difficult to bear; causing suffering ... ▪not showing sympathy or affection; strict ... ▪denoting an extreme or dogmatic faction within a political party ... ▪(of a season or the weather) severe ... ▪harsh or unpleasant to the senses ... ▪(of wine) harsh or sharp to the taste, especially because of tannin. 4 (of information) reliable, especially because based on something true or substantiated ... ▪(of a subject of study) dealing with precise and verifiable facts ... ▪(of science fiction) scientifically accurate rather than purely fantastic or whimsical ... 5 very potent, powerful, or intense, in particular: ▪ strongly alcoholic; denoting a spirit rather than beer or wine. ▪ (of a drug) potent and addictive. ▪ (of radiation) highly penetrating. ▪ (of pornography) highly obscene and explicit. 6 (of water) containing

<p>make lathering difficult. ▪(of radiation) highly penetrating. ▪(of pornography) highly obscene and explicit.</p> <p>- P H R A S E S <b>be hard on 1</b> treat or criticize (someone) severely ... <b>2</b> be difficult for or unfair to ... <b>3</b> be likely to hurt or damage ... <b>be hard put (to it)</b> [usu. with infinitive] find it very difficult ... <b>give someone a hard time</b> <i>informal</i> deliberately make a situation difficult for someone. <b>go hard with</b> <i>dated</i> turn out to (someone's) disadvantage ... <b>hard and fast</b> [usu. with negative] (of a rule or a distinction made) fixed and definitive. <b>hard as nails</b> see NAIL. <b>hard at it</b> <i>informal</i> busily working or occupied ... <b>hard by</b> close to ... <b>hard done by</b> <i>Brit.</i> harshly or unfairly treated ... <b>hard feelings</b> [usu. with negative] feelings of resentment ... <b>hard going</b> difficult to understand or enjoy ... <b>hard hit</b> badly affected ... <b>hard luck</b> (or <b>lines</b>) <i>Brit. informal</i> used to express sympathy or commiserations ... <b>a hard nut to crack</b> <i>informal</i> a person or thing that is difficult to understand or influence. <b>hard of hearing</b> not able to hear well. <b>hard on (or upon)</b> close to; following soon after ... <b>hard up</b> <i>informal</i> short of money ... <b>the hard way</b> through suffering or learning from the unpleasant consequences of mistakes ... <b>play hard to get</b> <i>informal</i> deliberately adopt an aloof or uninterested attitude, typically in order to make oneself more attractive or interesting. <b>put the hard word on</b> <i>Austral./NZ informal</i> ask a favour of (someone), especially a sexual or financial one.</p>	<p>mineral salts that make lathering difficult. <b>7</b> (of a consonant) pronounced as a velar plosive (as c in cat, g in go). ...</p> <p>- P H R A S E S <b>be hard on 1</b> treat or criticize (someone) severely ... <b>2</b> be difficult for or unfair to ... <b>3</b> be likely to hurt or damage ... <b>be hard put (to it)</b> [usu. with infinitive] find it very difficult ... <b>give someone a hard time</b> <i>informal</i> deliberately make a situation difficult for someone. <b>go hard with</b> <i>dated</i> turn out to (someone's) disadvantage ... <b>hard and fast</b> (of a rule or a distinction made) fixed and definitive. <b>hard as nails</b> see NAIL. <b>hard at it</b> <i>informal</i> busily working or occupied ... <b>hard by</b> close to ... <b>hard done by</b> <i>Brit.</i> harshly or unfairly treated ... <b>hard feelings</b> [usu. with negative] feelings of resentment ... <b>hard going</b> difficult to understand or enjoy ... <b>hard hit</b> badly affected ... <b>hard luck</b> (or <b>lines</b>) <i>Brit. informal</i> used to express sympathy or commiserations ... <b>a hard nut to crack</b> <i>informal</i> a person or thing that is difficult to understand or influence. <b>hard of hearing</b> not able to hear well. <b>hard on (or upon)</b> close to; following soon after ... <b>hard up</b> <i>informal</i> short of money ... <b>the hard way</b> through suffering or learning from the unpleasant consequences of mistakes ... <b>play hard to get</b> <i>informal</i> deliberately adopt an aloof or uninterested attitude, typically in order to make oneself more attractive or interesting. <b>put the hard word on</b> <i>Austral./NZ informal</i> ask a favour of (someone), especially a sexual or financial one.</p>
<b>hiccup (n.)</b>	
<p>an involuntary spasm of the diaphragm and respiratory organs, with a sudden closure of the glottis and a characteristic sound like that of a cough. ▪ (<b>hiccups</b>) an attack of such spasms occurring repeatedly for some time ... ▪ a temporary or minor difficulty or setback</p>	<p>1 an involuntary spasm of the diaphragm and respiratory organs, with a sudden closure of the glottis and a characteristic gulping sound. ... 2 a temporary or minor problem or setback</p>
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>	
<p>1 ... an unsophisticated country person, as associated originally with the remote regions of the Appalachians.</p>	<p>1 ... an unsophisticated country person, as associated originally with the remote regions of the Appalachians. 2 old-fashioned term for COUNTRY MUSIC</p>
<b>hire (v.)</b>	
<p>1 <i>chiefly Brit.</i> obtain the temporary use of (something) for an agreed payment ... ▪ (<b>hire something out</b>) grant the temporary use of something for an agreed payment ... 2 employ (someone) for wages ... ▪ employ for a short time to do a particular job ... ▪ (<b>hire oneself out</b>) make oneself available for temporary employment</p>	<p>1 ... obtain the temporary use of (something) for an agreed payment ... ▪ (<b>hire something out</b>) grant the temporary use of something for an agreed payment ... 2 employ someone for wages ... ▪ employ for a short time to do a particular job ... ▪ (<b>hire oneself out</b>) make oneself available for temporary employment</p>
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>	
<p>mix socially, especially with those of perceived higher social status</p>	<p>mix socially, especially with those of perceived higher social status</p>
<b>horde (n.)</b>	
<p>1 ... a large group of people ... ▪ an army or tribe of nomadic warriors ... 2 ... a loosely knit small social group typically consisting of about five families</p>	<p>1 ... a large group of people ... ▪ an army or tribe of nomadic warriors ... 2 ... a small loosely knit social group typically consisting of about five families</p>
<b>hormone (n.)</b>	
<p>a regulatory substance produced in an organism and transported in tissue fluids such as blood or sap to stimulate specific cells or tissues into action</p>	<p>a regulatory substance produced in an organism and transported in tissue fluids such as blood or sap to stimulate specific cells or tissues into action</p>
<b>inquisitive</b>	
<p>curious or inquiring ... ▪ unduly curious about the affairs of others; prying.</p>	<p>having or showing an interest in learning things; curious ... ▪ unduly curious about the affairs of others; prying.</p>
<b>instigate (v.)</b>	
<p>bring about or initiate (an action or event) ... ▪ (<b>instigate someone to /to do something</b>) incite someone to do something, especially something bad</p>	<p>bring about or initiate (an action or event) ... ▪ (<b>instigate someone to /to do something</b>) incite someone to do something, especially something bad</p>
<b>inscrutable</b>	
<p>impossible to understand or interpret</p>	<p>impossible to understand or interpret</p>
<b>insult (v.)</b>	
<p>speak to or treat with disrespect or scornful abuse</p>	<p>speak to or treat with disrespect or scornful abuse</p>
<b>loom (v.)</b>	
<p>appear as a shadowy form, especially one that is large or threatening ... ▪ ... (of an event regarded as ominous or threatening) seem about to happen</p>	<p>appear as a vague form, especially one that is large or threatening ... ▪ ... (of an event regarded as threatening) seem about to happen</p>
<b>loophole (n.)</b>	
<p>1 an ambiguity or inadequacy in the law or a set of rules ... 2 ... an arrow slit in a wall</p>	<p>1 an ambiguity or inadequacy in the law or a set of rules ... 2 ... an arrow slit in a wall</p>
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>	
<p>with one side lower or smaller than the other</p>	<p>with one side lower or smaller than the other</p>
<b>obfuscate</b>	
<p>render obscure, unclear, or unintelligible ... ▪ bewilder (someone)</p>	<p>make obscure, unclear, or unintelligible ... ▪ bewilder (someone)</p>
<b>parrot (n.)</b>	
<p>a bird, often vividly coloured, with a short downcurved hooked bill, grasping feet, and a raucous voice, found especially in the tropics and feeding on fruits and seeds. Many are popular as cage birds, and</p>	<p>a bird, often vividly coloured, with a short downcurved hooked bill, grasping feet, and a raucous voice, found especially in the tropics and feeding on fruits and seeds. Many are popular as cage birds, and</p>

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<b>permission</b>	
consent; authorization ... ▪[count noun] an official document giving authorization	the action of officially allowing someone to do a particular thing; consent or authorization ... ▪an official document giving authorization
<b>persuade</b>	
cause (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument ... ▪ ... cause (someone) to believe something, especially after a sustained effort; convince ... ▪(of a situation or event) provide a sound reason for (someone) to do something	induce (someone) to do something through reasoning or argument ... ▪... cause (someone) to believe something, especially after a sustained effort; convince ... ▪(of a situation or event) provide a sound reason for (someone) to do something
<b>potential (adj.)</b>	
having or showing the capacity to become or develop into something in the future	having or showing the capacity to develop into something in the future
<b>powder (n.)</b>	
fine, dry particles produced by the grinding, crushing, or disintegration of a solid substance ... ▪(also <b>face powder</b> ) a cosmetic in this form designed to be applied to a person's face with a brush or soft pad. ▪ ... <i>dated</i> a medicine or drug in this form, usually designed to be dissolved in a liquid. ▪ (also powder snow) loose, dry newly fallen snow: [as modifier] ... ▪short for <b>gunpowder</b> (in sense 1).	fine, dry particles produced by the grinding, crushing, or disintegration of a solid substance ... ▪(also <b>face powder</b> ) a cosmetic in the form of powder, applied to a person's face with a brush or soft pad. ▪ ... a medicine or drug in the form of powder, usually designed to be dissolved in a liquid. ▪ (also powder snow) loose, dry newly fallen snow. ▪ <b>gunpowder</b> .
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>	
a celestial object, thought to be a rapidly rotating neutron star, that emits regular pulses of radio waves and other electromagnetic radiation at rates of up to one thousand pulses per second	a celestial object, thought to be a rapidly rotating neutron star, that emits regular pulses of radio waves and other electromagnetic radiation at rates of up to one thousand pulses per second
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>	
having a sharply strong taste or smell ... ▪ (of comment, criticism, or humour) having a sharp and caustic quality	having a sharply strong taste or smell ... ▪ (of comment, criticism, or humour) having a sharp and caustic quality
<b>quandary (n.)</b>	
a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation ... ▪ a difficult situation; a practical dilemma	a state of perplexity or uncertainty over what to do in a difficult situation ... ▪ a difficult situation; a practical dilemma
<b>rancid</b>	
(of foods containing fat or oil) smelling or tasting unpleasant as a result of being old and stale	(of foods containing fat or oil) smelling or tasting unpleasant as a result of being old and stale ▪ highly unpleasant; repugnant
<b>rattan</b>	
the thin pliable stems of a palm, used to make furniture. ▪ a length of such a stem used as a walking stick	1 ... the thin jointed stems of a palm, used to make furniture. ▪ a length of rattan used as a walking stick 2 the tropical Old World climbing palm which yields rattan, with long, spiny, jointed stems.
<b>redeem (v.)</b>	
1 compensate for the faults or bad aspects of (something) ... ▪ ( <b>redeem oneself</b> ) do something that compensates for poor past performance or behaviour ... ▪ (of a person) atone or make amends for (error or evil) ... ▪ save (someone) from sin, error, or evil ... 2 gain or regain possession of (something) in exchange for payment ... ▪ ... repay (a stock, bond, or other instrument) at the maturity date. ▪ exchange (a coupon, voucher, or trading stamp) for goods, a discount, or money. ▪ pay the necessary money to clear (a debt) ... ▪ fulfil or carry out (a pledge or promise) ... ▪ ... buy the freedom of.	1 compensate for the faults or bad aspects of ... ▪ ( <b>redeem oneself</b> ) do something that compensates for poor past performance or behaviour ... ▪ atone or make amends for (sin, error, or evil) ... ▪ save (someone) from sin, error, or evil ... 2 gain or regain possession of (something) in exchange for payment ... ▪ ... repay (a stock, bond, or other instrument) at the maturity date. ▪ exchange (a coupon, voucher, or trading stamp) for goods, a discount, or money. ▪ pay the necessary money to clear (a debt) ... ▪ ... free (oneself or another) from bondage by paying a ransom. 3 fulfil or carry out (a pledge or promise)
<b>ski (n.)</b>	
each of a pair of long narrow pieces of hard, flexible material, typically pointed and turned up at the front, fastened under the feet for travelling over snow. ▪ a similar device attached beneath a vehicle or aircraft. ... ▪another term for WATERSKI	each of a pair of long narrow pieces of hard, flexible material, typically pointed and turned up at the front, fastened under the feet for travelling over snow. ▪ a similar device fitted to the underside of a vehicle or aircraft to enable it to travel or land on snow or ice ... ▪ another term for WATERSKI
<b>ski (v.)</b>	
travel over snow on skis; take part in the sport or recreation of skiing ... ▪[with obj.] ski on (a particular ski run or type of snow)	travel over snow on skis; take part in the sport or recreation of skiing ... ▪ ... ski on (a particular ski run or type of snow)
<b>skill (n.)</b>	
the ability to do something well; expertise ... ▪ [count noun] a particular ability	the ability to do something well; expertise ... ▪ ... a particular ability
<b>solitude (n.)</b>	
the state or situation of being alone ... a lonely or uninhabited place	1 ... the state or situation of being alone ... 2 a lonely or uninhabited place
<b>steppe (n.)</b>	
a large area of flat unforested grassland in SE Europe or Siberia	a large area of flat unforested grassland in SE Europe or Siberia
<b>stifle (v.)</b>	
1 make (someone) unable to breathe properly; suffocate: ... 2 restrain (a reaction) or stop oneself acting on (an emotion) ... ▪ prevent or constrain an activity or idea	1 make (someone) unable to breathe properly; suffocate: ... 2 restrain (a reaction) or stop oneself acting on (an emotion) ... ▪ prevent or constrain an activity or idea
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>	
mean; ungenerous	mean; ungenerous

<b>stipend (n.)</b>	
a fixed regular sum paid as a salary or as expenses to a clergyman, teacher, or public official	a fixed regular sum paid as a salary or as expenses to a clergyman, teacher, or public official
<b>terylene</b>	
an artificial textile fibre made from a polyester, used to make light, crease-resistant clothing, bed linen, and sails	an artificial textile fibre made from a polyester, used to make light, crease-resistant clothing, bed linen, and sails
<b>trudge (v.)</b>	
walk slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or harsh conditions	walk slowly and with heavy steps, typically because of exhaustion or harsh conditions
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>	
1 a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone. The modern instrument has the tubing looped to form a straight-sided coil, with three valves. •an organ reed stop with a quality resembling that of a trumpet. •something shaped like a trumpet, especially the tubular corona of a daffodil flower. a sound resembling that of a trumpet, especially the loud cry of an elephant. •2 (trumpets) a North American pitcher plant. • <i>Genus Sarracenia</i> , family Sarraceniaceae: several species, in particular yellow trumpets ( <i>S. flava</i> ).	1 a brass musical instrument with a flared bell and a bright, penetrating tone. The modern instrument has the tubing looped to form a straight-sided coil, with three valves. •an organ reed stop with a quality resembling that of a trumpet. •a sound resembling that of a trumpet, especially the loud cry of an elephant. •something shaped like a trumpet, especially the tubular corona of a daffodil flower. 2 (trumpets) a North American pitcher plant. • <i>Genus Sarracenia</i> , family Sarraceniaceae: several species, in particular yellow trumpets ( <i>S. flava</i> ).
<b>wrench (n.)</b>	
1 a sudden violent twist or pull ... • ... an act of leaving someone or something that causes sadness or distress ... 2 an adjustable tool like a spanner, used for gripping and turning nuts or bolts. 3 <i>Mechanics</i> a combination of a couple with a force along its axis	1 a sudden violent twist or pull ... 2 a feeling of sadness or distress caused by one's own or another's departure ... 2 an adjustable tool like a spanner, used for gripping and turning nuts or bolts. 3 <i>Mechanics</i> a combination of a couple with a force along its axis

Table XIII. The OERD

<b>OERD (1996)</b>
<b>abject (adj.)</b>
1 miserable, wretched. 2 degraded, self-abasing, humble. 3 despicable.
<b>accuse (v.)</b>
1 ... charge (a person etc.) with a fault or crime; indict ... 2 lay the blame on
<b>can (n.)</b>
1 a vessel for holding liquids 2 a usu. cylindrical metal container in which food or drink is hermetically sealed to enable storage over long periods ... 3 ... headphones 4 ... a prison b lavatory 5 the buttocks
<b>compulsory</b>
1 required by law or a rule ... 2 essential; necessary. <b>compulsory purchase</b> the enforced purchase of land or property by a local authority etc., for public use
<b>dimple (n.)</b>
a small hollow or dent in the flesh, esp. in the cheeks or chin
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>
1 ... of high standing; eminent; famous. 2 = DISTINGUÉ
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>
1 a cause (a person) to feel awkward or self-conscious or ashamed. b (as embarrassed adj.) having or expressing a feeling of awkwardness or self-consciousness ... 3 hamper, impede. 4 complicate (a question etc.). 5 perplex
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>
encumbered with debts
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>
(undefined)
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>
(undefined)
<b>feather (n.)</b>
1 any of the appendages growing from a bird's skin, with a horny hollow stem and fine strands. 2 one or more of these as decoration etc. 3 ... a plumage. b game birds.
<b>gherkin</b>
a small kind of cucumber, or a young green cucumber, used for pickling
<b>grout (n.)</b>
(no entry)
<b>hard (adj.)</b>
<b>1</b> (of a substance, material, etc.) firm and solid; unyielding to pressure; not easily cut. <b>2 a</b> difficult to understand or explain ... <b>b</b> difficult to accomplish ... <b>c</b> (foll. by to +infin.) not easy to ( <i>hard to believe; hard to please</i> ). <b>3</b> difficult to bear; entailing suffering (a hard life). <b>4</b> (of a person) unfeeling; severely critical. <b>5</b> (of a season or the weather) severe, harsh ... <b>6</b> harsh or unpleasant to the senses ... <b>7 a</b> strenuous, enthusiastic, intense ... <b>b</b> severe, uncompromising ... <b>c</b> politically extreme; most radical ... <b>8 a</b> (of liquor) strongly alcoholic. <b>b</b> (of drugs) potent and addictive. <b>c</b> (of radiation) highly penetrating. <b>d</b> (of pornography) highly obscene and explicit. <b>9</b> (of water) containing mineral salts that make lathering difficult. <b>10</b> established; not disputable; reliable ... <b>11 Stock Exch.</b> (of currency, prices, etc.) high; not likely to fall in value. <b>12 Phonet.</b> (of a consonant) guttural (as c in cat, g in go). <b>13</b> (of a shape, boundary, etc.) clearly defined, unambiguous. ... □ <b>be hard on 1</b> be difficult for. <b>2</b> be severe in one's treatment or criticism of. <b>3</b> be unpleasant to (the senses). <b>be hard put to it</b> (usu. foll. by to +infin.) find it difficult. <b>go hard with</b> turn out to (a person's) disadvantage. <b>hard and fast</b> (of a rule or a distinction made) definite, unalterable, strict. <b>hard at it colloq.</b> busily working or occupied. <b>hard by</b> near; close by. <b>a hard case 1 colloq. a</b> an intractable person. <b>b Austral. &amp; NZ</b> an amusing or eccentric person. <b>2</b> a case of hardship. <b>hard cash</b> negotiable coins and banknotes. ... <b>hard luck</b> worse fortune than one deserves. ... <b>a hard nut to crack 1</b> a difficult problem <b>2</b> a person or thing not easily understood or influenced. <b>hard of hearing</b> somewhat deaf. <b>hard on (or upon)</b> close to in pursuit etc. ...
<b>hiccup (n.)</b>
1 ... an involuntary spasm of the diaphragm and respiratory organs, with sudden closure of the glottis and characteristic coughlike sound. b ... an attack fo such spasms. 2 a temporary or minor fault or setback.
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>
1 ... a person from a remote rural area in a southern state ... 2 folk music of or like that of the southern US.
<b>hire (v.)</b>
1 ... procure the temporary use of (a thing) for an agreed payment ... 2 ... employ (a person) for wages or a fee. 3 ... borrow (money)
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>
1 ... mix socially or informally. 2 drink together
<b>horde (n.)</b>
1 a... a large group, a gang. b a moving swarm or pack (of insects, wolves, etc.). 2 a troop of Tartar or other nomads
<b>hormone (n.)</b>
1 ... a regulatory substance produced in an organism and transported in tissue fluids such as blood or sap to stimulate specific cells or tissues into action. 2 a synthetic substance with a similar effect.
<b>instigate (v.)</b>
1 bring about by incitement or persuasion; provoke ... 2 ... urge on, incite (a person etc.) to esp. an evil act
<b>insult (v.)</b>
1 speak to or treat with scornful abuse or indignity. 2 offend the self-respect or modesty of.
<b>loom (v.)</b>
1 come into sight dimly, esp. as a vague and often magnified or threatening shape. 2 (of an event or prospect) be ominously close.
<b>loophole (n.)</b>
1 a means of evading a rule etc. without infringing the letter of it. 2 a narrow vertical slit in a wall for shooting or looking through or to admit light or air
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>
with one side lower or smaller than the other; unevenly balanced
<b>inquisitive</b>

1 unduly curious; prying. 2 seeking knowledge; inquiring.
<b>inscrutable</b>
wholly mysterious, impenetrable
<b>obfuscate</b>
1 obscure or confuse (a mind, topic, etc.) 2 stupefy, bewilder
<b>parrot (n.)</b>
1 a bird of the mainly tropical order Psittaciformes, with a short hooked bill, often having vivid plumage and sometimes able to mimic the human voice. 2 a person who mechanically repeats the words or actions of another.
<b>permission</b>
consent; authorization
<b>persuade</b>
1 cause (another person or oneself) to believe; convince ... 2 a induce (another person or oneself) ... b lure, attract, entice, etc.
<b>potential (adj.)</b>
capable of coming into being or action; latent
<b>powder (n.)</b>
1 a substance in the form of fine dry particles. 2 a medicine or cosmetic in this form. 3 = GUNPOWDER
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>
a celestial object, believed to be a rapidly rotating neutron star, emitting pulses of radio waves and other electromagnetic radiation with great regularity. Pulsars were first discovered in 1967; the pulses are believed to be due to the interaction of the magnetic field of the neutron star with surrounding material, accelerating electrons which radiate energy in a beam. As this beam sweeps past the observer (up to one thousand times a second in some cases), the characteristic pulsations in signal strength are noted.
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>
1 having a sharp or strong taste or smell, esp. so as to produce a pricking sensation. 2 (of remarks) penetrating, biting, caustic. 3 mentally stimulating. 4 ... having a sharp point.
<b>quandary (n.)</b>
1 a state of perplexity. 2 a difficult situation; a practical dilemma.
<b>rancid</b>
smelling or tasting like rank stale fat
<b>rattan</b>
1 a Malaysian climbing palm, esp. of the genus <i>Calamus</i> , with long thin jointed pliable stems. 2 a piece of rattan stem used as a walking-stick etc.
<b>redeem (v.)</b>
1 buy back; recover by expenditure of effort or by a stipulated payment. 2 make a single payment to discharge (a regular charge or obligation). 3 convert (tokens or bonds etc.) into goods or cash. 4 (of God or Christ) deliver from sin and damnation. 5 make up for; be a compensating factor in ... 6 ... save from (a defect). 7 ... save (oneself) from blame. 8 purchase the freedom of (a person). 9 save (a person's life) by ransom. 10 save or rescue or reclaim. 11 fulfil (a promise).
<b>ski (n.)</b>
1 each of a pair of long narrow pieces of wood etc., usu. pointed and turned up at the front, fastened under the feet for travelling over snow. ... 2 a similar device under a vehicle or aircraft. 3 = WATER-SKI 4 (attrib.) for wear when skiing
<b>ski (v.)</b>
1 travel on skis 2 ski at (a place)
<b>skill (n.)</b>
expertness, practised ability, facility in an action; dexterity or tact
<b>solitude (n.)</b>
1 the state of being solitary. 2 a lonely place.
<b>steppe (n.)</b>
a level grassy unforested plain, esp. in SE Europe and Siberia
<b>stifle (v.)</b>
1 ... smother, suppress ... 2 ... experience or cause to experience constraint of breathing ... 3 ... kill by suffocating
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>
niggardly, mean
<b>stipend (n.)</b>
a fixed regular allowance or salary, esp. one paid to a clergyman
<b>Terylene</b>
a synthetic polyester used as a textile fibre
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>
1 a a tubular or conical brass instrument with a flared bell and a bright penetrating tone ... b a player of this instrument. c an organ stop with a quality resembling a trumpet. 2 a the tubular corona of a daffodil etc. b a trumpet-shaped thing ... 3 a sound of or like a trumpet.
<b>trudge (v.)</b>
1 to on foot esp. laboriously. 2 ... traverse (a distance) in this way
<b>wrench (n.)</b>
1 a violent twist or oblique pull or act of tearing off. 2 an adjustable tool like a spanner for gripping and turning nuts etc. 3 an instance of painful uprooting or parting ... 4 a combination of a couple with a force along its axis.

Table XIV. The LDEL

<b>LDEL (1984)</b>
<b>abject (adj.)</b>
1 <i>a of a condition</i> showing utter hopelessness and degradation; deserving great pity ... <i>b of people or behaviour</i> showing lack of self-respect; servile, spiritless ... 2 expressed or offered in a humble and often ingratiating spirit
<b>accuse (v.)</b>
1 to charge with a fault or offence; blame 2 to charge with an offence formally, esp in a court of law ... to bring an accusation
<b>can (n.)</b>
1 <i>a</i> a vessel for holding liquids ... <i>b</i> TIN ... <i>specif</i> a tin containing a beverage (eg beer) 2 a depth charge 3 ... a typically cylindrical metal receptacle, often with a removable cover and sometimes with a spout or side handles, for holding milk, oil, ashes, refuse, etc; a bin, drum 4 ... jail 5 <i>a</i> ... TOILET ... the buttocks
<b>compulsory</b>
1 mandatory, enforced ... 2 involving compulsion or obligation; coercive
<b>dimple (n.)</b>
to mark with dimples ... to exhibit or form dimples
<b>distinguished (adj.)</b>
1 marked by eminence, distinction, or excellence 2 befitting an eminent person
<b>embarrass (v.)</b>
1 <i>a</i> to place in doubt, perplexity, or difficulties <i>b</i> to involve in financial difficulties, esp debt <i>c</i> to cause to experience a state of self-conscious distress; disconcert ... 2 to impair the activity of (a body function) or the function of (a body part) ... 3 ... to hamper the movement of; hinder, impede
<b>embarrassed (adj.)</b>
(no definition)
<b>embarrassing (adj.)</b>
(no definition)
<b>embarrassment (n.)</b>
1 the state of being embarrassed 2 difficulty in functioning as a result of disease 3 <i>a</i> something that embarrasses; an impediment <i>b</i> an excessive quantity from which to select – chiefly in <i>embarrassment of riches</i>
<b>feather (n.)</b>
1 <i>a</i> any of the light outgrowths that form the external covering of the body of a bird and consist of a shaft bearing a set of barbs on each side that interlock to form a continuous vane ... <i>b</i> any of the feathers or pieces of feather fitted to the end of an arrow ... 2 plumage 3 ... a long fringe or tuft of hair on the leg of a dog, carthorse, etc 4 a projecting strip, rib, etc of wood 5 the act of feathering an oar 6 ... 6 <i>a</i> <b>feather, feathers</b> ... attire, dress ... <i>b</i> condition, spirits
<b>gherkin</b>
1 a small prickly fruit used for pickling; ... the slender climbing plant ( <i>Cucumis anguria</i> ) of the marrow family that bears it 2 the small immature fruit of the cucumber used for pickling
<b>grout (n.)</b>
1 <b>grouts</b> ... sediment, dregs ... 2 <b>grout, grouting</b> 2 <i>a</i> thin mortar used for filling spaces (eg the joints in masonry); ... any of various other materials (eg a mixture of cement and water or chemicals that solidify) used for a similar purpose <i>b</i> plaster that can be applied to the outside of building or as a thin finishing coat on ceilings 3 ... (porridge made from) coarse meal; groats
<b>hard (adj.)</b>
1 not easily penetrated or yielding to pressure; firm 2 <i>a of alcoholic drink</i> having a high percentage of alcohol <i>b of water</i> containing SALTS (eg bicarbonates or sulphates) of calcium, magnesium, etc that inhibit lathering with soap 3 <i>a</i> of or being radiation of relatively high penetrating power ... <i>b</i> having or producing relatively great photographic contrast ... 4 <i>a</i> being metal as distinct from paper ... <i>b of currency</i> stable in value; <i>also</i> soundly backed and readily convertible into foreign currencies without large discounts <i>c</i> high and firm ... <i>d</i> available to borrowers in limited supply and at high interest rates ... 5 firmly and closely twisted ... 6 <i>a</i> physically fit or resistant to stress ... <i>b</i> free of weakness or defects ... 7 <i>a</i> (1) firm, definite ... <i>a</i> (2) not speculative or conjectural; factual ... <i>b</i> close, searching ... 8 <i>a</i> (1) difficult to bear or endure ... <i>a</i> (2) oppressive, inequitable ... <i>b</i> (1) consideration, compassion, or gentleness; callous <i>b</i> (2) tough ... <i>c</i> (1) harsh, severe ... <i>c</i> (2) resentful ... <i>d</i> inclement ... <i>e</i> (1) forceful, violent ... <i>e</i> (2) demanding energy or stamina ... <i>e</i> (3) using or performing with great energy or effort ... 9 <i>a</i> sharply defined; stark ... <i>b</i> lacking in delicacy or resonance ... <i>c</i> (1) ... pronounced /k/ and /g/ respectively <i>c</i> (2) being a consonant sound, esp in Russian, that lacks PALATALIZATION 10 <i>a</i> (1) difficult to accomplish or resolve; troublesome ... <i>a</i> (2) difficult to understand or explain ... <i>b</i> having difficulty in doing something ... <i>c</i> difficult to magnetize or demagnetize 11 <i>a of pornography</i> graphic; HARD-CORE 2 <i>b of a drug</i> addictive and gravely detrimental to health ... 12 <i>of a chemical</i> ... PERSISTENT
<b>hiccup (n.)</b>
1 a spasmodic involuntary inhalation of air followed by closure of the GLOTTIS (opening between the throat and windpipe) and a sudden sharp sound 2 ... an attack of hiccuping 3 ... a brief interruption or breakdown; a hitch
<b>hillbilly (n.)</b>
a person from a remote or culturally unsophisticated areas (eg the mountains of the S USA)
<b>hire (v.)</b>
1 <i>a</i> to engage the services of for a set sum ... <i>b</i> to engage the temporary use of for an agreed sum ... 2 to grant the services of or temporary use of for a fixed sum
<b>hobnob (v.)</b>
1 to associate familiarly 2 to talk informally
<b>horde (n.)</b>
1 <i>a</i> a tribe of Mongolian nomads <i>b</i> a people or tribe adopting a nomadic way of life 2 <b>horde, hordes</b> ... a crowd, swarm
<b>hormone (n.)</b>
a product of living cells that usu circulates in the body liquids (eg the blood of mammals or sap of plants) and produces a specific stimulating or inhibiting effect on the activity of cells remote from its point of origin; <i>also</i> a synthetic substance that acts like a hormone
<b>instigate (v.)</b>
1 to goad or urge forward; provoke, incite 2 to initiate (a course of action or procedure, eg a legal investigation)
<b>insult (v.)</b>
to behave with pride or arrogance; vaunt ... to treat with insolence, indignity, or contempt; <i>also</i> to cause offence or damage to

<b>loom (v.)</b>
1 to come into sight indistinctly, in enlarged or distorted and menacing form, often as a result of atmospheric conditions 2 <b>a</b> to appear in an impressively great or exaggerated form <b>b</b> to take shape as an impending occurrence
<b>loophole (n.)</b>
1 <b>a</b> a small usu vertical opening in a wall or fortification through which missiles, firearms, etc may be discharged <b>b</b> a similar opening to admit light and air or to permit observation 2 a means of escape; <i>esp</i> an ambiguity or omission in the text of a contract, statute, etc through which an obligation or penalty may be evaded
<b>lopsided (adj.)</b>
1 having one side heavier or lower than the other 2 lacking in balance, symmetry, or proportion
<b>inquisitive</b>
1 eager for knowledge or understanding; inquiring ... 2 fond of making inquiries; <i>esp</i> unduly curious about the affairs of others
<b>inscrutable</b>
hard to interpret or understand; enigmatic, mysterious
<b>obfuscate</b>
1 <b>a</b> to darken <b>b</b> to make obscure or difficult to understand ... 2 to confuse, bewilder
<b>parrot (n.)</b>
1 any of numerous widely distributed tropical birds (order Psittaciformes) that have a distinctive stout curved hooked beak, are often crested and brightly multicoloured, and are excellent mimics 2 a person who parrots another's words
<b>permission</b>
formal consent; authorization
<b>persuade</b>
1 to move by argument, reasoning, or pleading to a belief, position, or course of action ... 2 to cause to feel certain; convince ... 3 to get (something) with difficulty <i>out of or from</i>
<b>potential (adj.)</b>
1 existing as a possibility but not yet active; capable of coming into being or developing further ... 2 expressing possibility; <i>specif</i> of or constituting a verb phrase that expresses possibility
<b>powder (n.)</b>
1 matter reduced to a mass of dry loose particles (eg by crushing or grinding) 2 a preparation in the form of fine particles, <i>esp</i> for medicinal or cosmetic use ... 3 any of various fine-grained dry solid explosives used chiefly in firearms and blasting; <i>esp</i> gunpowder ... 4 fine dry light snow
<b>pulsar (n.)</b>
a source in the sky, thought to be a rotating NEUTRON STAR, of uniformly pulsating radio waves characterized by a short interval (eg .033 or 3.5 seconds) between pulses
<b>pungent (adj.)</b>
1 <i>of a leaf or leaflet</i> having a stiff and sharp point 2 sharply painful; <i>also</i> poignant 3 <b>a</b> sharply incisive; caustic ... <b>b</b> to the point; highly expressive ... 4 having a strong sharp smell or taste; <i>esp</i> acrid
<b>quandary (n.)</b>
a state of perplexity or doubt; a dilemma
<b>rancid</b>
1 having a rank smell or taste 2 offensive
<b>rattan</b>
1 <b>a</b> a climbing palm ( <i>esp</i> of the genera <i>Calamus</i> and <i>Daemonorops</i> ) with very long tough stems <b>b</b> a part of the stem of a rattan used <i>esp</i> for walking sticks and wickerwork 2 a rattan cane or walking stick
<b>redeem (v.)</b>
1 <b>a</b> to buy back full possession of; repurchase; <i>esp</i> to buy back (something used as security in return for a loan) by repaying the money loaned ... <b>b</b> to get or win back ... 2 to free from what distresses or harms: eg 2 <b>a</b> to free from captivity by payment of ransom <b>b</b> to extricate from or help to overcome something detrimental ... <b>c</b> to release from blame or debt; clear ... 3 <b>a</b> ... to recover possession of by fulfilling an obligation; free (something) from another's right of retention, <i>esp</i> by payment of a debt <b>b</b> (1) to remove the obligation of (eg a bond) by making a stipulated payment ... <i>specif</i> to convert (paper money) into coin <b>b</b> (2) to convert (trading stamps, tokens, etc) into money or goods <b>c</b> to make good; fulfil ... 4 <b>a</b> to atone for; expiate ... <b>b</b> (1) to offset the bad effect of ... <b>b</b> (2) to make worthwhile; retrieve
<b>ski (n.)</b>
1 <b>a</b> either of a pair of long narrow strips of wood, metal, or plastic, curving upwards in front, attached to the feet for gliding over snow <b>b</b> WATER SKI 2 a runner shaped like a ski (eg the special landing gear of an aircraft for landing on snow or ice)
<b>ski (v.)</b>
to glide (over) on skis as a way of travelling on snow or as a recreation or sport
<b>skill (n.)</b>
1 <b>a</b> special ability in a particular field, <i>esp</i> acquired by learning and practice; proficiency <b>b</b> manual dexterity ... 2 <b>a</b> task, technique, trade, etc requiring skill 3 ... a cause, reason
<b>solitude (n.)</b>
1 the quality or state of being alone or remote from society; seclusion 2 a lonely place (eg a desert)
<b>steppe (n.)</b>
1 any of the vast usu level and treeless plains in SE Europe or Asia 2 arid land found usu in regions of extreme temperature range and with sandy wind-blown soil
<b>stifle (v.)</b>
1 <b>a</b> to overcome or kill by depriving of oxygen; suffocate, smother <b>b</b> to muffle ... 2 <b>a</b> to cut off (eg the voice or breath) ... <b>b</b> to prevent the development or expression of; check, suppress ... to become suffocated (as if) by lack of oxygen
<b>stingy (adj.)</b>
1 mean or ungenerous in giving or spending 2 meanly scanty or small
<b>stipend (n.)</b>
a fixed sum of money paid periodically (eg to a clergyman) as a salary or to meet expenses
<b>Terylene</b>
trademark – used for a synthetic polyester textile fibre
<b>trumpet (n.)</b>

1 **a** a WIND INSTRUMENT consisting of a conical or cylindrical usu metal tube, a cup-shaped mouthpiece, and a flared free end; *specif* the highest-pitched of the BRASS INSTRUMENTS, that has a cylindrical tube with two turns and finger-operated VALVES to vary the pitch **b** a musical instrument (eg a cornet) resembling a trumpet 2 something that resembles (the flared free end or loud penetrating sound of) a trumpet: eg 2 **a** a funnel-shaped instrument (eg a megaphone) for collecting, directing, or intensifying sound **b** the loud penetrating cry of an elephant

**trudge (v.)**

to walk or march steadily and usu laboriously (along or over)

**wrench (n.)**

1 **a** violent twisting or a sideways pull **b** a sharp twist or sudden jerk straining muscles or ligaments; *also* the resultant injury (eg of a joint) **c** a distorting or perverting alteration **d** acute emotional distress (eg resulting from parting); a sudden distressing mental change 2 **a** a spanner with adjustable jaws for holding nuts of different sizes **b** ... a spanner