

Glossary

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| abate | decrease, lessen |
| accolade | praise or award for an achievement that people admire |
| adorned | made more beautiful or attractive |
| airy schemes | foolish plans that are not practical or serious |
| amputation | cutting off limbs by surgical operation |
| antique | a collectable object such as a piece of furniture or work of art that has a high value because of its age and quality |
| antiseptic | a drug to prevent the growth of disease-causing bacteria |
| assigned | given a task to do |
| barium | a soft silver-white reactive metal |
| basking | lying in warmth and light e.g. in the sun |
| bestraddle | to ride |
| broadside | sideways |
| burly | a large and strong, heavily built person |
| career | an occupation e.g. doctor, teacher etc. |
| catastrophe | an event causing great damage or suffering; a disaster |
| change tack | change direction |
| chores | routine tasks, especially household ones e.g. dusting, etc. |
| clap (of thunder) | a loud, thunder-like noise or sound |
| combat | a fight, conflict, or struggle |
| concentrate | focus all of one's attention on a particular object or activity |
| conscientiously | doing one's work or duty well and thoroughly |
| considerable | notably large in size, amount, or extent |
| contaminated | (something) made impure by exposure to or addition of a poisonous or polluting substance |
| controversial | giving rise or likely to give rise to conflict, public argument, or disagreement |
| cowl | a large loose covering for the head |
| crutches | wooden or aluminium supports used by lame people |
| dank | damp, cold, and unpleasant place |
| defile | to make dirty or impure |
| disheveled | untidy or disordered hair, clothes, or appearance |
| eminent | important, outstanding |
| enthusiasm | intense and eager enjoyment, interest, or approval |

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| erected | put together and set upright (a building, wall, or other structure) |
| exhausted | completely used up |
| exorbitant | unreasonably high (cost/price) |
| expulsion | the action of forcing someone to leave a place |
| fervent | earnest, heart-felt |
| foible | a minor weakness or strange behaviour |
| frantically | done in a hurried, excited, and disorganized way |
| geophysicist | someone who studies the Earth's structure and atmosphere |
| granary | a storehouse for grain |
| grapple hooks | a tool with many hooks used to keep a boat still |
| gratitude | thankfulness; appreciation for kindness |
| grenade | a small bomb thrown by hand, or launched mechanically |
| guffawed | laughed loudly and noisily |
| hoisted | raised with a rope etc. |
| hosted | held an event to which others were invited |
| imminent | about to happen |
| impending | about to happen soon |
| impoverished | poor, made poor |
| inundated | flooded |
| ivied wall | a wall covered with ivy |
| jest | joke |
| launched | started or set in motion; introduced |
| legacy | a practice or situation inherited from the past |
| make port | dock |
| mattered not a pin | made no difference |
| memorial | a statue or structure made in memory of a person or an event |
| mishap | an unlucky accident |
| mock | tease or laugh at someone in an unkind way |
| monetary | relating to money or currency |
| murky | dirty, dark (liquid or atmosphere) |
| mused | thought carefully about |
| mussel | an edible shellfish with a brown or purplish-black shell |
| mystic | a person who seeks God through prayer and meditation |

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| natural disaster | any natural event or force like storms, earthquakes, or floods that cause widespread damage |
| oatmeal | crushed oats (porridge) |
| offend | make someone feel upset, annoyed, or resentful |
| ouzel | a bird that looks like the blackbird |
| palette | a thin board or slab on which an artist lays and mixes colours |
| pasteurized | heated (to boiling point) to kill harmful bacteria |
| pigtail | a tightly woven braid of hair |
| port side | left side of a ship when facing forward |
| predicted | foretold |
| predictions | forecasts |
| procrastinator | someone who delays or postpones action; puts off doing something |
| psychic | a person who has strange powers to look into the past and future |
| radiography | the process of taking X-rays for help in medical investigation |
| radiotherapy | the use of radiation for medical treatment |
| recuperating | recovering from illness |
| remedy | a cure for a disease or injury; a solution |
| resignation | the act of leaving a job or office position |
| respective | in the same order as mentioned |
| revel | enjoy, celebrate |
| salvaged | saved something that was likely to be damaged or lost |
| saturated | held as much water or moisture as could be absorbed; thoroughly soaked |
| savagely | fiercely, violently, and in an uncontrolled way |
| scheme | plan |
| scoffers | people who make fun of or mock others |
| scorched | burned the surface of something with flame or heat |
| scrupulous | a person or process that is thorough, honest, and extremely attentive to detail |
| shingle | small stones on the beach |
| siblings | one's brothers and sisters |
| slaughter | to kill animals for food |
| solution | the answer to a problem, question, etc. |
| soothsayer | a person supposed to be able to foresee the future |
| specific | particular; specially marked or noted |
| squalor | extremely dirty and unpleasant, especially as a result of poverty or neglect |

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| stationery | writing and other office materials |
| stipend | a fixed, regular sum paid as a salary or as expenses |
| stout | strong and thick |
| stowed | kept stored |
| strategy | a plan of action designed to achieve a long-term or overall aim |
| superintendent | a person who manages or supervises an organization or activity |
| taken aback | surprised or startled by a sudden turn (change) of events |
| tremors | slight earthquakes |
| undefiled | pure, clean |
| valour | great courage in the face of danger, especially in battle |
| vibrations | continuous shaking or moving |
| victim | a person harmed, injured, or killed as a result of violence, a crime, or an accident |
| viva | short for viva voce; an oral examination, usually for an academic qualification |
| volunteer | a person who offers to do a task without being paid |
| wanton | purposely causing harm or damage, without reason |
| weir | low wall or barrier built across a river |
| yore | long ago |