

abasement	(n.) humiliation or degradation
admonish	(v.) to warn or reprimand someone
balk	(v.) to hesitate or be unwilling to accept an idea or course of action
bemusement	(n.) confused and bewildered
blithely	(adj.) in a happy or carefree manner
broached	(v.) raise (a sensitive or difficult subject) for discussion
churlishness	(adj.) difficult to work with
circuitous	(adj.) (of a route or journey) longer than the most direct way
conciliatory	(adj.) to gain (as goodwill) by a pleasing act
credence	(n.) the likelihood of something being true

cretinous	(adj.) stupid, silly
cumbersome	(adj.) unwieldy because of heaviness and bulk
demurely	(adj.) reserved, modest, shy
deplore	(v.) feel or express strong disapproval
dilapidated	(adj.) in a state of disrepair or ruin as a result of age or neglect
disingenuous	(adj.) not candid or sincere
effusive	(adj.) expressing feelings of gratitude, pleasure, or approval in an unrestrained or heartfelt manner
forlorn	(adj.) pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely
gaunt	(adj.) lean and haggard
guileless	(adj.) innocent and without deception

harangue	(n.) a lengthy speech meant to criticize
impudent	(adj.) not showing due respect for another
impunity	(n.) exemption from punishment or freedom from the consequences of an action
inconsequential	(adj.) of no significance
indomitable	(adj.) impossible to subdue or defeat
ineptitude	(n.) lack of skill or ability
languid	(adj.) weak and faint, as if from fatigue
leer	(v.) look or gaze in an unpleasant, malicious, or lascivious way
magnanimous	(adj.) very generous or forgiving, especially toward a rival or someone less powerful than oneself
mirthless	(adj.) lacking real amusement and typically expressing irony

myriad	(n.) a countless or extremely great number
needling	(adj.) provoke or annoy (someone), especially by continual criticism or questioning
nepotism	(n.) the practice among those with power or influence of favoring relatives or friends, especially by giving them jobs
notoriety	(n.) the state of being well known for some bad quality or deed
officious	(adj.) assertive of authority in an annoyingly domineering way, especially with regard to petty or trivial matters
perfunctory	(adj.) carried out with a minimum of effort or reflection
peripheral	(adj.) perceived or perceiving near the outer edges
pernicious	(adj.) extremely destructive or harmful
pragmatic	(adj.) dealing with things sensibly and realistically
rancor	(n.) bitterness or resentfulness

recrimination

(n.) an accusation in response to one from someone else

rotund

(adj.) plump

rueful

(adj.) expressing sorrow or regret

sacrilege

(n.) blasphemous behavior

sporadic

(adj.) occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places; scattered or isolated

tantalizingly

(adj.) torment or tease (someone) with the sight or promise of something that is unobtainable

tremulous

(adj.) shaking or quivering

ubiquitous

(adj.) present, appearing, or found everywhere

undaunted

(adj.) not intimidated or discouraged by difficulty, danger, or disappointment

woebegone

(adj.) being in a sorry state