

word	variants	notes
<a href="#">dis'honest (adj.) /di'sɒn.ɪst/</a>	<a href="#">'devious /'diː.vi.əs/</a> <a href="#">disin'genuous /,dɪs.ɪn'dʒen.ju.əs/</a> <a href="#">Machia'vellian /,mæk.i.ə'vel.i.ən/</a> <a href="#">men'dacious /men'dei.fəs/</a> <a href="#">mere'tricious (adj.) /,mer.i'triː.əs/</a> <a href="#">ole'aginous (adj.) /,əʊ.li'ædʒ.i.nəs/</a> <a href="#">un'scrupulous /ʌn'skruː.pjə.ləs/</a> <a href="#">mal'feasance (noun) /mæl'fiː.zəns/</a> <a href="#">fi'nagle (verb) /fi'nei.gəl/</a>	complicated, clever and successful slightly dishonest methods to get what you want  seems attractive but false or worthless falsely polite, kind, helpful to bring advantage to oneself dishonest to get what you want a...example to use dishonest methods to get what you want
'evil (adj.) /'iː.vəl/	a'horrent /ə'bɒr.ənt/ a'moral /,ei'mɒr.əl/ <a href="#">ne'farious /nə'feəri.əs/</a> 'seamy <a href="#">'anomie (noun) /'æn.ə.mi/</a> <a href="#">'seediness (noun)</a>	morally very bad without moral principles morally bad unpleasant behaviour, violence and sex etc. the state (person or society) of having no moral principles quality of looking dirty, dishonest and bad etc.
<a href="#">'brazen (adj.) /'breɪ.zən/</a>	'barefaced /'beə.feɪst/ <a href="#">e'gregious /i'ɡriː.dʒəs/</a> <a href="#">im'penitent</a> una'bashed <a href="#">'patently (adv.) /'peɪ.tənt.li/</a>	not hiding bad behaviour noticeably very bad not sorry about something you have done unconcerned about criticism in a clear way
<a href="#">gre'garious (adj.) /ɡri'geəri.əs/</a>	'affable /'æf.ə.bəl/ <a href="#">'aimiable /'ei.mi.ə.bəl/</a> <a href="#">'amicable /'æm.i.kə.bəl/</a> <a href="#">con'vivial /kən'vɪv.i.əl/</a> 'sociable /'səʊ.fə.bəl/ <a href="#">'amity (noun) /'æm.i.ti/</a>	easy to talk to friendly and pleasant pleasant in difficult circumstances (e.g. amicable divorce) happy; friendly; welcoming also meeting others a good relationship
<a href="#">disre'spectful (adj.) /,dɪs.rɪ'spekt.fəl/</a>	<a href="#">im'pertinent /ɪm'pɜː.tɪ.nənt/</a> <a href="#">'impudent (adj.) /'ɪm.pjuː.dənt/</a> <a href="#">'irreverent /i'rev.ər.ənt/</a>	...towards someone older or more senior
<a href="#">'redolent (adj.) /'redələns (noun)</a>	n/a	something (e.g. smell) that reminds you of something else
<a href="#">surrep'titious (adj.) /,sɜːr.əp'tɪʃ.əs/</a>	<a href="#">clan'destine /klæn'des.tɪn/</a> <a href="#">di'screet</a> <a href="#">dis'simulate (verb) /dɪ'sɪm.jə.leɪt/</a>	with secrecy (not allowed) careful to keep something secret to hide your real feelings, character or intentions
<a href="#">a'pocryphal (adj.) /ə'pɒk.rɪ.fəl/</a>	compare 'myth' (noun)	probably not true although often said to be true
<a href="#">ve'ridical (adj.) /və'rid.ɪ.kəl/</a>	n/a	showing what is true or real
<a href="#">reifi'cation (noun) /,riː.i.fɪ'keɪ.jən/</a>	<a href="#">'reify (verb) /'rei.i.fai/</a>	act of turning something abstract into something real

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<u>'fury (noun) /'fjʊə.ri/</u>	<a href="#">'animus /'æn.i.məs/</a> <a href="#">ani'mosity / .æn.i.'mɒs.ə.ti/</a> <a href="#">'apoplexy /'æp.ə.plek.si/</a> <a href="#">'enmity</a> <a href="#">ire /aɪər/</a> <a href="#">'rancour /'ræŋ.kər/</a> <a href="#">repre'hension /rep.ri'hɛn.ʃən/</a> <a href="#">ve'xation /vek'sei.ʃən/</a> <a href="#">wrath /rɒθ/</a>	hate or anger dislike; opposition; anger very great anger hate anger hate or anger about something in the past anger; disapproval about something someone has done worry; anger; annoyance extreme anger (old-fashioned; dated)
<u>ver'nacular (noun) /və'næk.jə.lər/</u>	<a href="#">'acrolect /'æk.rə.lekt/</a> <a href="#">'basilect /'bæz.ə.lekt/</a> <a href="#">'diction /'dɪk.ʃən/</a> <a href="#">lega'lese / li:.qəl'i:z/</a> <a href="#">'lingo</a> <a href="#">'newspeak /'nju:spi:k/</a>	considered better considered to have less prestige manner of pronunciation legal; difficult to understand unusual or technical political; confusing and deceiving
<u>'dialect (noun) /'daɪ.ə.lekt/</u>	<a href="#">'argot /'ɑ:ɡəʊ/</a> <a href="#">'idiolect /'ɪd.i.ə.lekt/</a> <a href="#">'parlance /'pɑ:ləns/</a> <a href="#">'patois /'pæt.wə:/</a>	words used by some people; others can't understand form of language someone speaks words; form used by group form spoken in area; different from standard
<u>sten'torian (adj.) /sten'tɔ:ri.ən/</u>	n/a	with a very loud voice
<u>i'nate (adj.) /i'neɪt/</u>	n/a	quality or ability born with
<u>con'genital (adj.) /kən'dʒen.i.təl/</u>	n/a	always showing a bad quality ( <i>or medical existing from birth</i> )
<u>'pedagogy (noun) /'ped.ə.ɡɒdʒ.i/</u>	<a href="#">'andragogy /'æn.drə.ɡɒdʒ.i/</a> <a href="#">di'dactic (adj.) /daɪ'dæk.tɪk/</a>	adult learners moral lesson; too determined, eager and inflexible
<u>pictu'resque (adj.) /'pɪk.tʃər'esk/ (landscape)</u>	<a href="#">'breathtaking /'breθ'teɪ.kɪŋ/</a> <a href="#">'dyllic /'dɪl.ɪk/</a> <a href="#">re'markable /rɪ'mɑ:kə.bəl/</a> <a href="#">se'rene /sə'ri:n/</a> <a href="#">se'questered /si'kwes.təd/</a> <a href="#">'striking /'straɪ.kɪŋ/</a> <a href="#">'stunning /'stʌŋ.ɪŋ/</a> <a href="#">'tranquil /'træŋ.kwɪl/</a>	extremely exciting or surprising extremely pleasant; beautiful (landscape) unusual or special peaceful and calm peaceful because far from people very unusual; attracting attention extremely beautiful or attractive calm and peaceful and without noise, violence, worry
<u>Countryside is Great worksheets</u>	n/a	<a href="#">Countryside is Great lesson plan (with answers)</a>
<u>'homebody (noun)</u>	n/a	someone who likes staying at home

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rain (noun)	<a href="#">'cloudburst /'klaʊd.bɜːst/</a> <a href="#">'deluge /'del.juːdʒ/</a> <a href="#">'downpour /'daʊn.pɔːr/</a> <a href="#">'drizzle /'drɪz.əl/ ('mizzle [Scotland])</a> <a href="#">hail /heɪl/</a> <a href="#">shower /'ʃaʊər/</a> <a href="#">sleet /sliːt/</a>	sudden, heavy rain very large amount lot of rain in a short time very small, light drops small, hard balls of ice short period of rain wet, falling snow
<a href="#">'petrichor (noun) /'pet.rɪ.kɔːr/</a>	n/a	smell of rain on dry ground (pleasant)
boring (adj.)	<a href="#">ba'nal /bə'na:l/</a> bland (also food; not here) <a href="#">'dessicated /'des.ɪ.keɪ.tɪd/ (also food; not here)</a> <a href="#">'pallid</a> <a href="#">prə'saɪc /prə'zeɪ.ɪk/</a> <a href="#">'turgid /'tɜː.dʒɪd/</a>	unoriginal no strong taste, character, interest or energy without imagination no enthusiasm or excitement no imagination either too serious (formal; written)
shy (adj.)	<a href="#">'anodyne /'æn.ə.daɪn/</a> <a href="#">pre'varicate /prɪ'væ.rɪ.keɪt/</a> <a href="#">'reticent</a> <a href="#">re'tiring /rɪ'taɪ.rɪŋ/</a> <a href="#">self-e'ffacing /self.ɪ'feɪ.sɪŋ/</a>	lack of expression to avoid offence (disapproving) avoid telling the truth or what you think unwilling to speak thoughts or feelings unwilling to be noticed or be with others avoiding attention
<a href="#">'stoic (adj.) /'stəʊ.ɪk/</a>	<a href="#">'equable /'ek.wə.bəl/</a> <a href="#">for'bearing /fɔː'beə.rɪŋ/</a> <a href="#">pə'sɪfɪk /pə'sɪf.ɪk/</a>	always pleasant patient and forgiving peaceful or helping to cause peace
<a href="#">prə'clivity (noun) /prə'klɪv.ə.ti/ (for st)</a> <a href="#">prə'pensity (noun) /prə'pen.sə.ti/ (to do st)</a>	n/a n/a	someone likes to do something (often wrong) likely to behave in a particular way
<a href="#">prə'crastinate (verb) /prə'kræ.s.tɪ.neɪt/</a>	n/a	to delay something you don't want to do (e.g. studying)
opti'mistic (adj.)	<a href="#">'sanguine /'sæŋ.gwɪn/</a>	positive and hoping for good things
<a href="#">'conoclast(-m) (noun) /aɪ'kɒn.ə.klæst/</a>	n/a	someone who strongly opposes common beliefs
<a href="#">'isolated (place) (adj.) /'aɪ.sə.leɪ.tɪd/</a>	<a href="#">ə'to'mistic /.æt.ə'mɪs.tɪk/</a> <a href="#">'cloistered /'kloɪ.stəd/</a> <a href="#">'desolate /'des.əl.ət/</a> <a href="#">se'cluded /sɪ'kluː.dɪd/</a>	existing separately little communication with outside world nothing pleasant - negative meaning quiet; private; not near others
<a href="#">se'clusive (adj.) /sɪ'kluː.sɪv/</a>	<a href="#">mɪsən'thropɪk /mɪs.ən'θrɒp.ɪk/</a> <a href="#">'purdah (noun) /'pɜː.də/</a>	not liking others state of not speaking to anyone

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<u>di'sparage (verb) /di'spær.ɪdʒ/</u>	<u>a'nathematisise /ə'næθ.ə.mə.taɪz/</u> <u>a'ssail /ə'seɪl/</u> <u>'derogate /'der.ə.ɡeɪt/</u> <u>e'xcoriate /ek'skɔː.ri.eɪt/</u> <u>fulminate (against) /'fʊl.mɪ.neɪt/</u> <u>trə'duce /trə'dʒuːs/</u> <u>mor'dacious (adj.) /mɔː'deɪ.ʃəs/</u> <u>ɒ'pprobrious (adj.) /ə'prɒʊ.bri.əs/</u> <u>animad'version (noun) /æn.ɪ.mæd'vɜː.ʃən/</u> <u>'obloquy (noun) /'ɒb.lə.kwi /</u>	criticise strongly -> completely unacceptable criticise strongly no respect criticise literature or media - political criticise strongly harm reputation expressing severe criticism severe criticism and blame criticism or critical remark very strong public criticism or blame
<u>ar'ticulate (adj.) /ɑ:'tɪk.jə.lət/</u>	<u>axio'matic / æk.si.ə'mæt.ɪk/</u> <u>'cogent /'kɒʊ.dʒənt/</u> <u>'eloquent /'el.ə.kwənt/</u> <u>'garrulous /'gær.əl.əs/</u> <u>glib</u> <u>histri'onic / hɪs.tri'ɒn.ɪk/</u> <u>lo'quacious /lə'kwɛi.ʃəs/</u> <u>'limpid /'lɪm.pɪd/</u> <u>'lucid /'luː.sɪd/</u> <u>ɒ'paque /əʊ'peɪk/</u> <u>ɔrə'torical / ɔr.ə'tɔr.ɪ.kəl/</u> <u>unam'biguous / ʌn.æm'biɡ.ju.əs/</u> <u>'voluble /'vɒl.jə.bəl/</u>	obviously true; not needing to be proved clear, persuasive argument clear, strong message talking a lot; unimportant confident but without careful thought or honesty emotional and energetic but insincere and / or meaningless talks a lot clearly expressed and understood clear (speaking; thinking) difficult to understand effective, skilful public speaking meaning completely clear confidence; enthusiasm; force
<u>vague (adj.) /veɪɡ/</u>	<u>ab'struse /æb'struːs/</u> <u>am'biguous /æm'biɡ.ju.əs/</u> <u>bi'zantine /bi'zæn.taɪn/</u> <u>'cryptic /'krɪp.tɪk/</u> <u>di'ffuse /di'fjuːs/</u> <u>ɒ'paque /əʊ'peɪk/</u> <u>ɔ'racular /ɔr'æk.jə.lər/</u> <u>'prolix /'prɒʊ.lɪks/</u> <u>ver'bose /vɜː'bɔːs/</u>	difficult to understand more than one possible meaning complicated and difficult to understand (disappointing; formal) mysterious and difficult to understand difficult to understand (disapproving) difficult to understand mysterious, difficult to understand, but wise too many words, therefore boring or difficult to understand using more words than necessary
<u>telegra'mmatic (adj.) /tel.ɪ.grə'mæt.ɪk/</u>	n/a	speech containing only most important words
<u>'mumpsimus (noun) /'mʌmp.sɪməs/</u>	<u>ne'anderthal (adj.) /ni:'æn.də.tə:l/</u>	not willing to change old-fashioned beliefs

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<u>'patriotism /'peɪ.tri.ə.tɪ.zəm/</u>	<u>'chauvinism /'ʃəʊ.vɪ.nɪ.zəm/</u> <u>'jingoism (noun) /'dʒɪŋ.ɡəʊ.ɪ.zəm/</u> <u>'nationalism /'næʃ.ən.əl.ɪ.zəm/</u> <u>'nativism /'neɪ.tɪ.vɪ.zəm/</u>	belief that country, gender or race is best or most important extreme belief your country is always best wishing political independence; too great love for own country belief that natives are more important than immigrants
<u>'potentate (noun) /'pəʊ.tən.teɪt/</u>	<u>'autocrat /'ɔː.tə.kræt/</u> <u>'demagogue /'dem.ə.ɡəɡ/</u> <u>'kleptocrat /'klep.tə.kræt/</u> <u>'plutocrat /'pluː.tə.kræt/</u>	ruler with unlimited authority - or demanding of wins support through emotions, not morals leader stealing from the people powerful because of money
<u>irri'dentism (noun) /,ɪr.ɪ'den.tɪ.zəm/</u> <u>'suzerainty (noun) /'suː.zər.eɪn.ti/</u>	n/a n/a	policy of returning land to another country like in the past right of a country to partly control another
<u>'beautiful (adj. for people) /'bjʊː.tɪ.fəl/</u>	<u>'ravishing /'ræv.i.ʃɪŋ/</u> <u>vo'luptuous /və'lʌp.tʃu.əs/</u> <u>'zafɪg (adj.) /'zæf.tɪɡ/</u> <u>'cynosure (noun) /'saɪ.nə.sjʊər/</u> <u>'dreamboat (noun)</u>	very beautiful (woman) soft, curved, sexually attractive woman (of a woman) not thin - in an attractive way so beautiful so as to get lots of attention a very physically attractive person
<u>de'licious (adj. for food) /dɪ'liʃ.əs/</u>	<u>am'brosial /æm'brəʊ.zi.əl/</u> <u>de'lectable /dɪ'lek.tə.bəl/</u> <u>'moreish /'mɔː.rɪʃ/</u> <u>'scrumptious /'skrʌmp.jəs/ (informal: scrummy)</u> <u>'succulent /'sʌk.jə.lənt/</u> <u>'toothsome /'tuːθ.səm/</u> <u>'zesty /'zes.ti/</u>	having a very pleasant taste or smell looking or tasting extremely good making you want to eat more tasting extremely good pleasantly juicy attractive or pleasant full of flavour
<u>dis'gusting (adj. for food) /dɪs'ɡʌs.tɪŋ/</u>	<u>'bitter /'bɪt.ər/</u> <u>re'volting /rɪ'vəʊl.tɪŋ/</u> <u>un'palatable /ʌn'pæl.ə.tə.bəl/</u> <u>vile /vaɪl/</u>	unpleasantly sharp taste extremely unpleasant
<u>'awful (adj.) /'ɔː.fəl/</u>	<u>'execrable /'ek.sə.krə.bəl/</u> <u>in'superable /ɪn'sjuː.pər.ə.bəl/</u> <u>la'mentable /lə'men.tə.bəl/</u> <u>mə'cabre /mə'kɑː.brə/</u> <u>'risible /'rɪz.ə.bəl/</u> <u>'shocking /'ʃɒk.ɪŋ/</u> <u>'woeful /'wəʊ.fəl/</u>	so bad it cannot be overcome or dealt with deserving severe criticism connected to death or violence so bad it warrants laughing at
<u>idi'ocracy (noun)</u>	n/a	society or government of idiots

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co'rrect (verb) /kə'rekt/	'rectify /'rek.ti.fai/ re'dress /ri'dres/ 'remedy /'rem.ə.di/	put right a wrong or give payment correct or improve something wrong
enthus'astic (adj.) /in θju:.zi'æs.tɪk/	amped '(up) / .æmp 'tʌp/ (informal) e'ffusive /i'fju:.sɪv/ ɒm'nivorous /ɒm'nɪv.ər.əs/ rhap'sodic /ræp'sɒd.ɪk/ vo'racious /və'reɪ.fəs/ whole'hearted / həʊl'hɑ:tid/ 'zealous /'zel.əs/ 'zestful /'zest.fəl/	excited expression that shows very strong emotion interested in all areas of a subject expressing great enthusiasm very eager for something completely enthusiastic full of energy and enthusiasm
be'queath (verb) /bi'kwɪ.ð/ be'quest (noun) /bi'kwɛst/ in'testate (adj.) /in'tes.teɪt/	n/a n/a n/a	to give money or property after death money or property given after death to die without instructions on your will; property; money
a'ppend (verb) /ə'pɛnd/ in'terpolate (verb) /in'tɜ:.pə.leɪt/	n/a n/a	to add something to the end of a piece of writing to add words to a text; to interrupt
re'calcitrant (adj.) /ri'kæl.sɪ.trənt/	n/a	unwilling to obey or do what should be done
ob'tuse (adj.) /əb'tju:s/	'asinine /'æs.i.naɪn/ 'bovine /'bəʊ.vaɪn/ 'gormless /'gɔ:m.ləs/ 'vacuous /'væk.ju.əs/ 'vapid /'væp.ɪd/	extremely stupid slow or stupid like a cow stupid and slow to understand not showing intelligence showing no intelligence or imagination
'egotist (noun) /'i:.gə.tɪst/	n/a	someone who thinks they're better than others
fa'cetious (adj.) /fə'si:.ʃəs/ 'flippant (adj.) /'flɪp.ənt/	n/a n/a	not serious about something serious to be funny or clever
'frivolous (adj.) /'frɪv.əl.əs/ i'neane (adj.) /i'neɪn/	n/a n/a	silly; not serious extremely silly; no real importance or meaning
'useless (adj.) /'ju:s.ləs/	'desultory /'des.əl.tər.i/ 'nugatory /'nju:.gə.tər.i/ vain /veɪn/	showing little effort or interest worth nothing or of little value not successful
'useful (adj.) /'ju:s.fəl/	utili'tarian / ju:.tɪ.lɪ'teəri.ən/	useful rather than decorative
'lazy (adj.) /'leɪ.zi/	'idle /'aɪ.dəl/ 'indolent /'ɪn.dəl.ənt/ 'shiftless /'ʃɪft.ləs/ 'dodger (noun) /'dɒdʒ.ər/ 'dosser (noun - UK slang) /'dɒs.ər/ i'nertia (noun) /i'nɜ:.ʃə/	not willing to work without determination or purpose someone who avoids doing what they should do a very lazy person lack of interest and willingness to do anything

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<u>u'biguous (adj.) /ju:'bik.wi.təs/</u>	<u>omni'present / ɒm.ni'prez.ənt/</u>	present everywhere at the same time
<u>a'nnoyed (adj.) /ə'nɔɪd/</u>	<u>brassed 'off / brɑ:s 'tɒf/</u> <u>cheesed 'off / tʃi:z 'dɒf/</u> <u>fed 'up / fe 'dʌp/</u> <u>hacked 'off / hæk 'tɒf/</u> <u>'hangry / 'hæŋ.gri/</u> <u>het 'up / he 'tʌp/</u>	because of hunger worried and angry; not calm
<u>'nervous / 'nɜ:vəs/</u>	<u>over'wrought / əv.və'ru:t/</u> <u>'rattled / 'ræt.əld/</u> <u>stressed 'out / stres 'taʊt/</u> <u>strung 'up / strʌ 'ŋʌp/</u> <u>'twitchy / 'twɪtʃ.i/</u>	upset; nervous; worried nervous or worried nervous or worried nervous and worried
<u>pa'trician (noun) /pə'trɪʃ.ən/</u>	<u>'aristocrat / 'ær.i.stə.kræt/</u>	person of a high social rank
<u>'bellicose (adj.) / 'bel.i.kəs/</u>	<u>be'lligerent /bə'lidʒ.ər.ənt/</u> <u>'hawkish / 'hɔ:.kiʃ/</u> <u>milita'ristic / mil.i.tər'is.tɪk/</u> <u>pug'nacious /pʌg'nei.ʃəs/</u> <u>'sabre-rattling / 'seɪ.bə.ræt.əl.ɪŋ/</u> <u>'bovver (noun) / 'bɒv.ər/ (UK informal)</u> <u>'warmonger (noun) / 'wɔ:.mʌŋ.gər/</u>	wishing to fight supporting use of force in political relationships supporting idea of powerful armed forces in country wanting to start an argument or fight threatening military action violent or threatening behaviour person encouraging a country to go to war
<u>inter'necine (adj.) / ɪn.tə'ni:.sain/</u>	n/a	fighting within same country, group or religion