

UNICMINDS

abdicate (verb):

to give up a position, right or power.

Example: Sam was more than happy to abdicate his position to move into coaching his favorite sport.

abduct (verb):

to forcefully and wrongly carry, take, kidnap or lead away

Example: The bus driver looked suspicious and we were scared we were going to be abducted to some dangerous place.

abhor (verb):

to hate or to detest something

Example: Tiffany abhorred the idea of studying grammar, she never enjoyed it.

absurd (adjective):

lacking commonsense, lacking logic or being unreasonable

Example: Ella's black and white colored front door looked absurd.

abyss (noun):

a deep hole; deep cavity or hole, immeasurable space.

Example: Eon was amazed at the abyss between the caves in the Florida state park.

accelerate (verb):

to increase in speed; cause to move faster

Example: Mendy wants the bus driver to accelerate more so that he can reach the stadium sooner.

acclaim (verb and noun):

enthusiastically praise something; enthusiastic praise; approve something enthusiastically

Example: Roger planned to tell his parents that he would receive acclaim and rewards from the school on the annual day.

Example: The event was acclaimed as a historic success.

adequacy (noun):

suitability or ability to meet a requirement or need

Example: Dad needs to check if Aaron's credentials are adequate to be eligible for the scholarship.

adhere (verb):

to stick or be with something; to hold on to something.

Example: Jerry adhered to the same club for twenty years and he reaped the benefits in the end.

adjourn (verb):

suspend or postpone or given a break for a period of time

Example: Tony's meeting with the leader of APAC was adjourned for one hour.

adorn (verb):

to decorate or add beauty with ornaments and make something attractive

Lucy spent the whole day preparing to adorn herself with a necklace and rings.

adversary (noun):

opponent or enemy

Example: Austine and Glenn have always been adversaries and they don't like each other at all.

affable (adjective):

warm or friendly; pleasant and easy to be friends with

Ron has an affable personality that makes him gain a lot of friends.

alleviate (noun):

to lessen the burden of something or relieve something

John felt alleviated when he heard that the earthquake in Connecticut was a minor one and there is no major damage.

aloof (adjective):

be lonely or distant from people and friends

When Sonia came to know about her condition, she remained aloof from friends and family for most of the time.

amorphous (adjective):

lacking a specific shape or form

Example: The universe is just an amorphous cloud of matter.

anecdote (noun):

a short saying (often from hearing it around and not necessarily factual)

Example: Scotland's castles are full of funny anecdotes from the 11th century.

arid (adjective):

very dry and desert like; unproductive; infertile

Example: Greg wants to convert the arid desert of Arizona into a major tourist festival.

assault (verb):

to attack without a pause

Example: Reny wondered if the director ever assailed the punching bag he has on his desk.

astound (verb):

to overwhelm with amazement

Example: Martin was astounded by the size of the cruise ship, which is more than 600 meters long.

astute (adjective):

ability to understand clearly and quickly

Example: Sonia is a very astute girl who understood the importance of discipline quite early in life.

audacity (noun):

boldness or daringness

Example: Rahul wondered at the courage and audacity of his opponent to come to his house and give him a talking.

banal (adjective):

boringly predictable

Example: The cricket game between Australia and Holland has seemed a bit banal.

benefactor (noun):

A person who gives money or other resources to people in need or for a cause.

Example: They hope to find a benefactor and turn the factory into a school.

benevolence (noun):

an inclination to do good to others

Example: Tony has a record of benevolence to good causes.

bewilder (verb):

confuse, puzzle or perplex

Example: Lyon was bewildered by the complicated process of making plastic chairs.

bliss (noun):

Supreme joy or happiness; heavenly paradise

A great beach holiday is my idea of absolute bliss.

boisterous (adjective):

loud and without limits

Example: The finance minister had a boisterous argument with the tourism minister.

bounty (noun):

reward for some work

Example: The police declared a bounty for anyone who would bring the culprit alive.

braggart (noun):

someone who makes empty boasts and brags about oneself

Example: The new manager kept boasting about himself, and Andy came to a conclusion that the new manager is a braggart.

candor (noun):

frankness or sincerity; fairness

Rachel admitted in candor that it is a mistake to spend so much money on the party.

cascade (noun):

waterfall or a series of smaller waterfalls
something that falls in large amounts

Example: It was cascading rain and freezing cold in Victoria yesterday.

catastrophe (noun):

a disastrous event; an event causing great damage

Example: Deforestation could lead to a catastrophic impact on our environment.

celestial (adjective):

related to outer space and the the myth about heavens; related to the heavens

Example: Moon, stars, planets, and asteroids are different kinds of celestial bodies.

cliche (noun):

an overused expression or idea

Example: Ron used the cliche "Don't judge a book by its cover".

concise (adjective):

brief and to the point

Example: A concise article on how the game of NBA is changing subtly without our notice.

conspire (verb):

to secretly plan together against someone or for something

Example: Raun conspired with his brother Lewis to teach a lesson to his rude neighbor.

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