

Imply verb

Indicate the truth or existence of (something) by suggestion rather than explicit reference.

"Salesmen who use jargon to imply superior knowledge"

Convey verb

- 1. Transport or carry to a place.**

"Pipes were laid to convey water to the house"

- 2. Make (an idea, impression, or feeling) known or understandable.**

"The real virtues and diversity of America had never been conveyed in the movies"

- 3. Communicate (a message or information).**

"Mr Harvey and his daughter have asked me to convey their very kind regards"

Nonchalant

adjective

(Of a person or manner)

**Feeling or appearing
casually calm and relaxed;
not displaying anxiety,
interest, or enthusiasm.**

**"She gave a nonchalant
shrug"**

Ravenous

adjective

Extremely hungry.

**"I'd been out all day
and was ravenous"**

Superfluous

adjective

Unnecessary, especially through being more than enough.

"The purchaser should avoid asking for superfluous information"

Microcosm noun

A community, place, or situation regarded as summarising in miniature the characteristics of something much larger.

"The city is a microcosm of modern Malaysia"

Liberal adjective

1. Willing to respect or accept behaviour or opinions different from one's own; open to new ideas.

"Liberal views towards divorce"

2. Favourable to or respectful of individual rights and freedoms.

"Liberal citizenship laws"

Fastidious

adjective

- 1. Very attentive to and concerned about accuracy and detail.**

"She dressed with fastidious care"

- 2. Very concerned about matters of cleanliness.**

"He was fastidious about personal hygiene"

Obligatory

adjective

Required by a legal, moral, or other rule; compulsory.

"Use of seat belts in cars is now obligatory"

Ambiguous

adjective

- 1. Open to more than one interpretation; not having one obvious meaning.**

"Ambiguous phrases"

- 2. Not clear or decided.**

"The election result was ambiguous"

Tactile adjective

- 1. Of or connected with the sense of touch.**

"Vocal and visual signals become less important as tactile signals intensify"

- 2. Perceptible by touch or apparently so; tangible.**

"She had a distinct, almost tactile memory of the girl fleeing"

- 3. Designed to be perceived by touch.**

"Tactile exhibitions help blind people enjoy the magic of sculpture"

Hysteria noun

**Exaggerated or
uncontrollable
emotion or
excitement.**

**"The anti-Semitic
hysteria of the
1890s"**

Engross verb

**Absorb all the
attention or interest
of.**

**"They seemed to be
engrossed in
conversation"**

Elate verb

**Make (someone)
ecstatically happy.**

**"I felt elated at
beating Dennis"**

Integral adjective

**Necessary to make a
whole complete;
essential or
fundamental.**

**"Games are an integral
part of the school's
curriculum"**

Imperative

adjective

1. Of vital importance; crucial.

"It is imperative that you find him"

2. Giving an authoritative command; peremptory.

"The bell pealed again, a final imperative call"

Fumble verb

**Do or handle
something clumsily.**

**"She fumbled with
the lock"**

Frantic adjective

- 1. Distraught with fear, anxiety, or other emotion.**

"She was frantic with worry"

- 2. Conducted in a hurried, excited, and disorganized way.**

"Frantic attempts to resuscitate the girl"

Marginalise

verb

Treat (a person, group, or concept) as insignificant or peripheral.

"By removing religion from the public space, we marginalise it"

Sequacious

adjective

**(Of a person) lacking
independence or
originality of thought.**

**“The girl’s ideas were
seen to be quite
sequacious”**

Loquacious

adjective

Tending to talk a great deal; talkative.

**"Never loquacious,
Sarah was now totally
lost for words"**

Resilient adjective

- 1. (Of a substance or object) able to recoil or spring back into shape after bending, stretching, or being compressed.**

"A shoe with resilient cushioning"

- 2. Durable, hard-wearing, stout, strong, sturdy, tough**

"Remember that the more resilient the underlay, the more it will prolong the life of your carpet"

- 3. (Of a person or animal) able to withstand or recover quickly from difficult conditions.**

"Babies are generally far more resilient than new parents realise"

Ostentatious

adjective

**Characterised by
pretentious or showy
display; designed to
impress.**

**"A simple design that
is glamorous without
being ostentatious"**

Contradictory

adjective

Mutually opposed or inconsistent.

"The two studies came to contradictory conclusions"

Encapsulate

verb

- 1. Enclose (something) in or as if in a capsule.**

"The company would encapsulate the asbestos waste in concrete pellets"

- 2. Express the essential features of (something) succinctly.**

"The conclusion is encapsulated in one sentence"

Palpable

adjective

Able to be touched or felt.

"The palpable bump at the bridge of the nose"

Tangible

adjective

- 1. Perceptible by touch.**

"The atmosphere of neglect and abandonment was almost tangible"

- 2. Clear and definite; real.**

"The emphasis is now on tangible results"

- 3. A thing that is perceptible by touch.**

"These are the only tangibles upon which an assessment can be made"

Quintessential

adjective

Representing the most perfect or typical example of a quality or class.

"He was the quintessential tough guy—strong, silent, and self-contained"

Tantalise verb

- 1. Torment or tease (someone) with the sight or promise of something that is unobtainable.**

"Such ambitious questions have long tantalised the world's best thinkers"

- 2. Excite the senses or desires of (someone).**

"She still tantalised him"

Provoke verb

Stimulate or give rise to (a reaction or emotion, typically a strong or unwelcome one) in someone.

"The decision provoked a storm of protest from civil rights organisations"

Decipher verb

- 1. Convert (a text written in code, or a coded signal) into normal language.**

"Authorised government agencies can decipher encrypted telecommunications"

- 2. Succeed in understanding, interpreting, or identifying (something).**

"Visual signals help us decipher what is being communicated"

Foreshadow

verb

Be a warning or indication of (a future event).

"Other new measures are foreshadowed in the White Paper"

Malice noun

**The desire to harm
someone; ill will.**

**"I bear no malice
towards anybody"**

Context noun

- 1. The circumstances that form the setting for an event, statement, or idea, and in terms of which it can be fully understood.**

"The proposals need to be considered in the context of new European directives"

- 2. The parts of something written or spoken that immediately precede and follow a word or passage and clarify its meaning.**

"Skilled readers use context to construct meaning from words as they are read"

Inherent adjective

Existing in something as a permanent, essential, or characteristic attribute.

"Any form of mountaineering has its inherent dangers"

Inhibition noun

A feeling that makes one self-conscious and unable to act in a relaxed and natural way.

"The children, at first shy, soon lost their inhibitions"

Ablution noun

An act of washing oneself.

"The women performed their ablutions"

Prevail verb

- 1. Prove more powerful or superior.**

"It is hard for logic to prevail over emotion"

- 2. Persuade (someone) to do something.**

"She was prevailed upon to give an account of her work"

Segregation

noun

The action or state of setting someone or something apart from others.

"The segregation of pupils with learning difficulties"

Pretentious

adjective

**Attempting to
impress by affecting
greater importance
or merit than is
actually possessed.**

**"Pretentious art
films"**

Allegation noun

A claim or assertion that someone has done something illegal or wrong, typically one made without proof.

"He made allegations of corruption against the administration"

Facetious

adjective

**Treating serious
issues with
deliberately
inappropriate
humour; flippant.**

"A facetious remark"

Empathy noun

**The ability to
understand and share
the feelings of another.**

**“The reader
empathises with the
character as we learn
about their
misfortunate past”**