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SPELL BEE WORDS (GRADE - VI)

WORD	MEANING	EXAMPLE
Amalgamate (Verb)	Combine or unite to form one organization or structure	The two companies decided to <u>amalgamate</u> their resources to create a stronger market presence.
Aplomb (Noun)	Self-confidence or assurance, especially when in a demanding situation	Despite the challenging circumstances, she handled the situation with remarkable <u>aplomb</u> .
Ambiguous (Adjective)	Open to more than one interpretation, having a double meaning	The politician's statement was intentionally <u>ambiguous</u> .
Conundrum (Noun)	A confusing and difficult problem or question	Solving the puzzle was a <u>conundrum</u> that stumped many.
Counterpart (Verb)	A person or thing closely resembling	The secretary of defence met with his <u>counterparts</u> in Asia to discuss the nuclear crisis.
Dearth (Noun)	A scarcity or lack of something	The <u>dearth</u> of clean water in the region was a major concern for the residents.
Effusive (Adjective)	To express gratitude enthusiastically	They offered <u>effusive</u> thanks for our help.
Environmentalism (Noun)	A person who is concerned about protecting the environment	She is a committed environmentalist but needed to learn the economic realities of <u>environmental</u> protection.
Fatigue (Noun)	Extreme tiredness resulting from mental or physical exertion	His eyes were rimmed with <u>fatigue</u> .
Garrulous (Adjective)	Excessively talkative, especially on trivial matters	If I have any suggestions, I shall put them with <u>garrulous</u> hesitation and a suitable air of diffidence.



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Ambivalent (Adjective)	Having mixed or conflicting feelings about something or someone. It describes a state of uncertainty, indecision, or contradictory emotions.	She felt <u>ambivalent</u> about taking the new job, weighing the pros and cons.
Giggle-mug (Noun)	A face that's always smiling.	The students walked down the hallway, their <u>giggle-mug</u> showing their excitement.
Whiz-bang (Adjective)	Exciting, excellent or really impressive.	She gave a <u>whiz-bang</u> presentation at work today.
Fastidious (Adjective)	Meticulous and demanding in one's standards; having a strong attention to detail.	She was a <u>fastidious</u> editor, ensuring that every detail in the article was accurate.
Perfidious (Adjective)	Disloyal or treacherous; having a tendency to betray trust.	The company's <u>perfidious</u> actions towards its employees led to a major scandal.
Nirvana (Noun)	A state of ultimate happiness or enlightenment.	The Buddhist concept of <u>nirvana</u> is a state of liberation from suffering.
Inscrutably (Adverb)	In a mysterious or difficult-to-understand manner.	The artist's intentions were <u>inscrutably</u> hidden behind her abstract paintings.
Furtively (Adverb)	In a secretive or stealthy manner.	The children peeked <u>furtively</u> at the surprise party preparations.
Juxtaposition (Noun)	The act of placing two or more things side by side for comparison or contrast.	The artist's use of <u>juxtaposition</u> highlighted the differences between light and dark.
Jocularly (Noun)	Good-natured humor or jesting.	She appreciated her friend's <u>jocularly</u> , which always brightened her day.
Mawkishly (Adverb)	In a sentimental or over emotional manner.	The advertisement depicted family moments <u>mawkishly</u> , feeling manipulative.
Abhor (Verb)	Like or approve	He <u>abhorred</u> injustice and fought for equality.



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Censure (Verb)	Praise or commend. Official disapproval	The politician was <u>censured</u> by her party for her unethical behavior.
Inundate (Verb)	To overwhelm or flood someone or something with an excessive amount of information, requests, or tasks.	The city was <u>inundated</u> with tourists during peak season.
Egalitarian (adjective)	Refers to a system, society, or principle that advocates for equal rights, opportunities, and treatment for all individuals, regardless of their background, social status, or other factors.	The teacher fostered an <u>egalitarian</u> classroom environment, encouraging participation from all students.
Adage (Noun)	A wise saying, proverb	He remembered the old <u>adage</u> "truth shall prevail".
Castigate (verb)	Criticize or punish	The thief was <u>castigated</u> by the police.
Bona fide (Adjective)	Real / genuine / authentic; not false	The museum verified the <u>bona fide</u> origins of the ancient artifact.
Culpable (Adjective)	Deserving to be blamed or considered responsible for something bad.	The investigation found the company <u>culpable</u> for the environmental damage.
Kleptomania (Noun)	A strong impulse to steal, especially when there is no obvious motivation.	The shopkeeper suspected <u>kleptomania</u> in the customer who repeatedly stole small items.



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Affluence (Noun)	the state of having a lot of money	<u>Affluence</u> can bring many comforts and luxuries.
Alimony (Noun)	Court-ordered support paid by one spouse to another after they are separated	What was he gone give me <u>alimony</u> on?
Antagonist (Noun)	a person who is strongly against somebody/something	In the cartoon Tom and Jerry, the cat plays the <u>antagonist</u> .
Anticipate (verb)	to expect something to happen	The coach <u>anticipates</u> each opponent's move during the game.
Avert (verb)	to prevent something unpleasant	She managed to <u>avert</u> a disaster by acting quickly.
Bewilder (verb)	to confuse someone very much or to puzzle them	The complex instructions <u>bewildered</u> the new recruits.
Benevolent (Adjective)	Kind, friendly and helpful to others	Her <u>benevolent</u> nature made her very popular among her friends.
Cacophony (Noun)	A loud and unpleasant mixture of sounds	The busy roads were filled with a <u>cacophony</u> of car horns and sirens.
Catastrophe (noun)	A sudden disaster or a problem that causes a lot of harm or damage	The earthquake was a <u>catastrophe</u> that destroyed many homes.
Didactic (Adjective)	Instructive with a moral intent	it is <u>didactic</u> novel that set out to expose social injustice.



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Gullible (Adjective)	One who is easily tricked or deceived	My little brother is <u>gullible</u> and believes everything I say.
Envisage (Verb)	To imagine	I <u>envisage</u> finishing my art project by tomorrow afternoon.
Effervescent (Adjective)	Enthusiastic and full of energy	She is one of those <u>effervescent</u> personalities that you can see hosting TV game shows.
Exquisite (Adjective)	Something that is extremely beautiful and pleasing	The garden was filled with <u>exquisite</u> flowers.
Hypothesis (Noun)	It refers to an idea that can be tested.	My <u>hypothesis</u> is that plants grow faster with proper sunlight and water.
Intricate (Adjective)	It means complex or detailed	A spider's web reflects a detailed and <u>intricate</u> pattern.
Jaded (Adjective)	Exhausted, depleted of strength or energy	My father's words had left me <u>jaded</u> and depressed.
Jibe (Noun)	A taunt	Her friend's playful <u>jibe</u> made everyone laugh.
Jocund (Adjective)	Cheerful and good humoured	His <u>jocund</u> smile brightened up the atmosphere.
Knack (Noun)	An acquired or natural skill at doing something	He has an uncanny <u>knack</u> of noticing things that seem to have happened yesterday.
Lucid (Adjective)	Clear to the understanding	She gave a clear and <u>lucid</u> account of her plans for the company's future.
Malicious (Adjective)	Intending to cause harm or damage	The <u>malicious</u> comment hurt her friend's feelings.



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Novice (Noun)	A person who is new to a particular activity	He was a <u>novice</u> at playing the guitar, but he played every day.
Mundane (Adjective)	Not interesting or exciting	The <u>mundane</u> tasks at work made the day feel long.
Mellifluous (Adjective)	Having a smooth, rich and sweet sound	The flute produced a <u>mellifluous</u> sound.
Naïve (Adjective)	Innocent	They make the <u>naïve</u> assumption that something is good because it is popular.
Obnoxious (Adjective)	Extremely unpleasant	He was so <u>obnoxious</u> that even his friends started avoiding him.
Perennial (Adjective)	Something that lasts or exists for a long time	<u>Perennial</u> flowers like roses regrow every year.
Polyglot (Noun)	One who can speak multiple languages fluently	Maria is a <u>polyglot</u> as she can speak many languages.
Preposterous (Adjective)	Completely absurd or ridiculous	It's <u>preposterous</u> to think that pigs can fly.
Quash (Verb)	Put down by force or intimidation	The army would be brought in to <u>quash</u> any rebellion.
Quintessential (Adjective)	To be a perfect example of something	Her <u>quintessential</u> kindness made her a beloved figure in the community.
Resplendent (Adjective)	Shining brightly	The fireworks display was <u>resplendent</u> in the night sky.
Veteran (Noun)	Someone with extensive experience	The <u>veteran</u> journalist had covered numerous international events.
Viscous (Adjective)	Thick and sticky	The <u>viscous</u> lava flowed slowly down the mountain.



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Rendezvous (Noun)	A meeting at an agreed time and place.	We planned a secret <u>rendezvous</u> at the café.
Differential (Noun)	A difference or distinction; varying.	There is a <u>differential</u> in salaries between departments.
Perseverance (Noun)	Steady persistence despite difficulty.	His <u>perseverance</u> helped him complete the marathon.
Pharmaceutical (Adjective)	Related to medicinal drugs	She works in the <u>pharmaceutical</u> industry.
Haemorrhage (Noun)	Heavy bleeding	The patient died from a <u>haemorrhage</u> after surgery.
Kakorrhaphiophobia (Noun)	Abnormal fear of failures	Her deep <u>kakorrhaphiophobia</u> made it difficult for her to take risks, fearing any potential failure.
Bivouac (Noun/Verb)	A temporary camp	The soldiers set up a <u>bivouac</u> in the forest.
Mauritius (Noun - Proper)	An island country in the Indian Ocean	<u>Mauritius</u> is famous for its beautiful beaches.
Wreckage (Noun)	The remains of something destroyed	The divers found the <u>wreckage</u> of the sunken ship.
Audacious (Adjective)	Fearlessly bold; daring	Her <u>audacious</u> plan surprised everyone.
Clandestine (Adjective)	Secret or hidden	They held a <u>clandestine</u> meeting late at night.
Zeitgeist (Noun)	The spirit or mood of a particular time period	The movie captures the <u>zeitgeist</u> of the 1960s.
Prairie (Noun)	A large open area of grassland.	Buffalo once roamed the <u>prairies</u> freely.
Soliloquy (Noun)	A speech by a character alone on stage	Hamlet's <u>soliloquy</u> is very famous.
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Dilemma (Noun)	A difficult choice between two options	I faced a <u>dilemma</u> about moving abroad.
Meritocracy (Noun)	A system where talent earns success	The company prides itself on being a <u>meritocracy</u> .
Miniscule (Adjective)	Extremely small	The error was so <u>miniscule</u> that no one noticed.
Bludgeoning (Noun)	Violent beatings	Despite life's <u>bludgeoning</u> , he remained hopeful.
Menace (Noun)	A threat or danger	The icy roads were a <u>menace</u> to drivers
Reigns (Noun)	Periods of rule; to rule.	Queen Victoria's <u>reign</u> lasted 63 years.
Hieroglyphics (Noun)	Ancient Egyptian picture writing	Historians study <u>hieroglyphics</u> to learn about Egypt.
Amnesia (Noun)	Loss of memory	After the accident, he suffered from <u>amnesia</u> .
Bureaucracy (Noun)	A complex system of administration	Getting a passport involved dealing with a lot of <u>bureaucracy</u> .
Ebullient (Adjective)	Cheerful and full of energy	She was <u>ebullient</u> after hearing the good news.
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Tintinnabulation (Noun)	A ringing or tinkling sound	The sound of the <u>tintinnabulation</u> filled the cathedral, creating a sense of reverence and awe.
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Acrimonious (Adjective)	Angry and bitter in tone or language	The debate turned <u>acrimonious</u> when the candidates started blaming each other.
Alacrity (Noun)	Cheerful readiness or willingness	She accepted the scholarship offer with <u>alacrity</u> .
Anachronism (Noun)	Something out of place in time	Using a typewriter in today's office is an <u>anachronism</u> .
Anathema (Noun)	Something or someone intensely disliked or loathed	Cheating in exams is <u>anathema</u> to students who value academic honesty."
Apocryphal (Adjective)	Of doubtful authenticity, although widely believed to be true	The story of the haunted library is probably <u>apocryphal</u> .
Avarice (Noun)	Extreme greed for wealth or material gain	The king's <u>avarice</u> led to the suffering of his people.
Blandishment (Noun)	Flattery intended to persuade	No amount of wheedling and <u>blandishment</u> would cause the cynical Elizabeth to change her mind.
Beguiling (Adjective)	Charming or enchanting, often in a deceptive way	Her <u>beguiling</u> smile hid her true intentions.
Belligerent(Adjective)	Hostile and aggressive	His <u>belligerent</u> attitude made negotiations impossible.
Camaraderie (Noun)	The quality of affording easy familiarity and sociability	The <u>camaraderie</u> between Dhoni and Hardik is known to all.
Circumlocution (Noun)	An indirect way of expressing something	I was weary of repetitions, weary of <u>circumlocutions</u> , weary of everything.
Capitulate (Verb)	To give into something	The enemy was forced to <u>capitulate</u> unconditionally.



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Chicanery (Noun)	The use of trickery to achieve a political, financial, or legal purpose	The lawyer was accused of using <u>chicanery</u> to win the case.
Capitulate(Verb)	To surrender or stop resisting an opponent or demand	The rebels refused to <u>capitulate</u> despite the government's threats.
Contritely (Adverb)	In a way feeling or expressing pain or sorrow	I forgave Richard as soon as I saw him expressing his regret <u>contritely</u> .
Disparate (Adjective)	Essentially different in kind; not allowing comparison	The two artists have such <u>disparate</u> styles that a collaboration would be difficult.
Debilitate (Verb)	Make weak	As the silk ribbon cinched tight, my anger was overwhelmed by <u>debilitating</u> terror.
Deleterious(Adjective)	Causing harm or damage	Excessive screen time can have <u>deleterious</u> effects on children's eyesight.
Disrepute (Noun)	The state of being held in low esteem by the public.	One of the top clubs in the country is bringing the game into <u>disrepute</u> .
Ennui (Noun)	A feeling of boredom and dissatisfaction arising from a lack of occupation	After weeks of routine, he was overcome by a deep sense of <u>ennui</u> .
Epitaph (Noun)	An inscription on a tombstone or monument in memory of the person buried there	It would make a good <u>epitaph</u> for Billy Pilgrim ---- and for me.
Equanimity (Noun)	Steadiness of mind under stress	Roma accepted both the good and the bad with <u>equanimity</u> .
Expiate (Verb)	Make amends for	Their sins must be <u>expiated</u> by sacrifice.
Fallacious (Adjective)	Containing or based on incorrect reasoning	My father is intolerant of <u>fallacious</u> arguments.
Forbearance (Noun)	Good-natured tolerance of delay or incompetence	His unfailing courtesy and <u>forbearance</u> under great provocation are exemplary.



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Feign (Verb)	Pretend to be affected by (a feeling, state, or injury).	She <u>feigned</u> nervousness in front of her angry father.
Gerontology (Noun)	The branch of medical science that deals with old people	"I'm a smash in the school of <u>gerontology</u> ." He likes to say.
Gourmand (Noun)	A person who is devoted to eating and drinking to excess	Simon is a <u>connoisseur</u> of good food; he is a gourmand.
Grandiloquent (Adjective)	Lofty in style	Shashi Tharoor's speeches are mostly <u>grandiloquent</u> .
Harbinger (Noun)	A person or thing that signals the approach of another	The dark clouds were a <u>harbinger</u> of the coming storm.
Hegemony (Noun)	Leadership or dominance, especially by one country or social group over others	The country sought to expand its <u>hegemony</u> over neighbouring territories.
Hack-driver (Noun)	Taxi driver; <u>Someone whodrives</u> a <u>taxi</u> for a <u>living</u>	He worked as a <u>hack-driver</u> in the United States before joining politics.
Hackneyed (Adjective)	Repeated too often; overfamiliar through overuse.	His boring speeches are filled with <u>hackneyed</u> phrases.
Heterodox (Adjective)	Not conforming with accepted or orthodox standards or beliefs	His <u>heterodox</u> views on politics made him stand out from the rest.
Ineffable (Adjective)	Too great or extreme to be expressed in words	The beauty of the sunset was <u>ineffable</u> and left everyone speechless.
Inveterate (Adjective)	Having a habit, activity, or interest that is long- established and unlikely to change	He's an <u>inveterate</u> reader who finishes a book every few days.
Identical (Adjective)	Exactly alike; incapable of being perceived as different.	1. Rows of <u>identical</u> houses 2. Cars <u>identical</u> except for their license plates
Idolise (Verb)	Love unquestioningly and uncritically or to excess; venerate as an idol.	Many teenagers <u>idolised</u> the BTS.



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Jab (Noun)	1. Taking a vaccine as a precaution against contracting a disease. 2. The act of putting a liquid into the body by means of a syringe. 3. Vaccine, injection	The nurse gave him a flu <u>jab</u> .
Juxtapose (Verb)	To place two things side by side for contrast or comparison	The artist <u>juxtaposed</u> light and shadow to create a dramatic effect.
Jeer (Verb)	Shout or laugh at with contempt and derision.	The crowd <u>jeered</u> at the speaker.
Jingoism (Noun)	Extreme patriotism, especially in the form of aggressive or warlike foreign policy	The leader's speech was filled with <u>jingoism</u> , stirring national pride and fear.
Kaleidoscopic(Adjective)	Constantly changing, colourful, and complex like patterns in a kaleidoscope	Her thoughts were a <u>kaleidoscopic</u> swirl of emotions.
Knoll (Noun)	A small, rounded hill	The cottage sat on a grassy <u>knoll</u> overlooking the valley.
Quixotic (Adjective)	Unrealistically idealistic	His plan to end world hunger in a year was noble but <u>quixotic</u> .
Lugubrious (Adjective)	Mournful or gloomy	His <u>lugubrious</u> expression revealed his sorrow.
Sycophant (Noun)	A person who flatters for personal gain	The office was full of <u>sycophants</u> praising the manager.
Xenial (Adjective)	Hospitable, especially to strangers or guests	The villagers were known for their <u>xenial</u> behaviour.
Zenith (Noun)	The highest point or most successful stage	At the <u>zenith</u> of her career, she was known around the world.



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Assiduous (Adjective)	Showing great care and perseverance	Her <u>assiduous</u> efforts in the laboratory led to ground breaking discoveries.
Asinine (Adjective)	Extremely or utterly foolish or silly	I ignored his <u>asinine</u> remark and continued with my work.
Amaranthine (Adjective)	Eternally beautiful, unfading and ever- lasting	The goddess was adorned in an <u>amaranthine</u> robe, symbolizing her eternal beauty and undying grace.
Abdicate (Verb)	To give up one's power, duties and obligations	The king decided to <u>abdicate</u> to make way for his son to succeed the throne.
Bloviat (Verb)	To talk pompously or at length	The employees were bored when the new boss <u>bloviated</u> about his achievements.
Brazen (Adjective)	Bold and without shame	The fresher's <u>brazen</u> attitude is often looked down upon by the elders.
Bequest (Noun)	A legacy	Robert left a <u>bequest</u> of some invaluable paintings for his nephew.
Balderdash (Adjective)	Senseless talk or writing	This man's story about founding a colony is all <u>balderdash</u> .
Cromulent (Adjective)	Acceptable or adequate	The continental breakfast served at the resort was perfectly <u>cromulent</u> .
Cozen (Verb)	To trick or deceive	He was <u>cozened</u> by his nasty neighbour.
Cantrip (Noun)	A mischievous or playful act	The magician's <u>cantrip</u> with the flowers mesmerized the audience.
Catharsis (Noun)	The process of releasing and there by providing a relief from strong and repressed emotions	Writing poetry became her <u>catharsis</u> , healing her from her trauma.



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Croozling (Verb)	Snuggling under a blanket to stay nice and warm	I feel blissful while <u>croozling</u> and watching my favourite show.
Desideratum (Noun)	A strong desire or longing, especially for something lost or gone	She felt a deep <u>desideratum</u> for her childhood home after years of living abroad.
Dulcet (Adjective)	Sweet and soothing	The singers dulcet tone filled the concert hall
Disenthrall (Verb)	To set free	We have to <u>disenthrall</u> our minds, if we wish to progress.
Eschew (Verb)	To deliberately avoid	The government urged the citizens to <u>eschew</u> any form of violence.
Esoteric (Adjective)	Only understood by a few or select group of people	The artist's <u>esoteric</u> use of symbols and imagery in her paintings brought a unique perspective to her work.
Eldritch (Adjective)	Strange or unnatural, especially in a way that inspires fear	The eerie, <u>eldritch</u> sounds echoing through the abandoned asylum sent chills down our spines.
Fuddy-Duddy (Noun)	An old- fashioned and fussy person	We are of the opinion that the new professor is a fuddy-duddy.
Flimflam (Noun)	Insincere talk/ deception	The <u>flimflam</u> talk of the politician about the economic condition of the of the country was criticized by the public.
Folderol (Noun)	Trivial or nonsensical fuss	We all have limits to how much folderol we could stand.
Galumph (Verb)	Move in a clumsy, ponderous or noisy manner	He <u>galumphed</u> into the room, his awkward gait making him look like a clumsy bear.
Gimcrack (Adjective)	Showy but cheap or badly made	The antique shop was filled with <u>gimcracks</u> including vintage toys knick-knacks.
Henotic (Adjective)	Promoting peace, serving to reconcile	The learned monk's devotional and <u>henotic</u> discourse brought about a change in the minds of the devotees.
Kilter (Noun)	Proper or usual state or condition	The family's routine was thrown out of <u>kilter</u> by the new baby.



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Procellous (Adjective)	Tempestuous/ turbulent	The <u>procellous</u> he made it extremely difficult for the captain to navigate to their pre-determined route.
Resplendent (Adjective)	Having a very bright or beautiful appearance	I saw Clara at the other end of the room, <u>resplendent</u> in a bright cocktail dress.
Sophistry (Noun)	The use of clever but false arguments, especially with the intention of deceiving	The lawyer's clever use of <u>sophistry</u> in the courtroom was impressive, but ultimately unsuccessful in swaying the jury.
Volition (Noun)	The power to make your own decisions	He claimed that he had resigned of his own <u>volition</u> , however, many still believe that he was forced to do so.
Sanctimonious (Adjective)	Making a show of being morally superior to other people	He has overlaid this subject with a lot of <u>sanctimonious</u> nonsense.
Sacrosanct (Adjective)	Treated as if holy and kept free from violation or criticism	I'm willing to help on any weekday, but my weekends are <u>sacrosanct</u> .
Saturate (Verb)	Infuse or fill completely	The head was shockingly disfigured, battered by some heavy instrument, and the clothes were <u>saturated</u> with blood.
Secession (Noun)	Formal separation from an alliance or federation	Such a development would carry with it the serious risk of <u>secession</u> by adversely affected states.
Serendipity (Noun)	The gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not looked for	We all have experienced the <u>serendipity</u> of relevant information arriving just when we were least expecting it.
Tangential (Adjective)	Of superficial relevance if any	It is terrific fun, but its relation to the theme remains <u>tangential</u> at best.
Terrestrial (Adjective)	Operating or living or growing on land	On land, habitat loss takes away much-needed space for large, <u>terrestrial</u> animals.
Trepidation (Noun)	A feeling of alarm or dread	No sign of <u>trepidation</u> or alarm, save the sudden stiffening of her form, was betrayed.
Transpire (Verb)	To happen or to take place	The monument will ensure that posterity will not soon forget the



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		historic events that <u>transpired</u> on that day.
Unencumbered (Adjective)	Not having any burden or responsibility	He needed to travel light and unencumbered.
Undaunted (Adjective)	Resolutely courageous	He possessed <u>undaunted</u> courage, and blended bold enterprise with much sagacity.
Vapid (Adjective)	Lacking significance or liveliness / Monotonous / prosaic	She made a <u>vapid</u> comment about the weather.
Xenophobia (Noun)	A fear of foreigners or strangers	Some fear a return of the <u>xenophobia</u> that led to violent attacks on foreigners two years ago.
Yearning (Noun)	Prolonged unfulfilled desire or need. Longing / longing	They had a deep <u>yearning</u> for their homeland.
Zephyr (Noun)	A slight wind, breeze	So far it has only been a gentle <u>zephyr</u> .
Quandary (Noun)	A situation from which extrication is difficult	Colleges and universities are in a <u>quandary</u> : Spending cuts, combined with a freeze on tuition, mean fewer teachers and the closing of certain programs.
Pugnacity (Adjective)	Having a quarrelsome or combative nature	She was always defending him against the fallout from his <u>pugnacity</u> and lack of social graces.
Querulous (Adjective)	Habitually complaining	In the first place, she is not rich; I could tell that by the <u>querulous</u> complaints of her middle class mother.
Quiescent (Adjective)	Being quiet or still or inactive	Under normal conditions, only a fraction of these blood-forming stem cells are active; the rest are deeply <u>quiescent</u> – asleep.
Macadamise (Verb)	Surface an area with tarmac	The government periodically <u>macadamise</u> the road.









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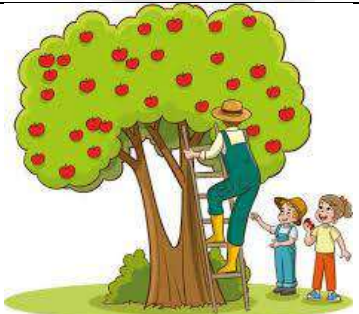
Homonyms are words that share the same pronunciation and spelling, but have different meanings.

WORDS	MEANING	SENTENCE/EXAMPLE	PICTURE
Address (Verb)	The number or name of the building/street where somebody lives or works	Kindly provide me your <u>address</u> so that I can send you the books.	
Address (Noun)	A formal talk or speech	The president's <u>address</u> to the nation gave hope and encouragement during difficult times.	
Peer (Noun)	Someone who is the same age or status	She was respected and admired by every <u>peer</u> in her class because of her leadership skills.	
Peer (Verb)	To look closely or carefully	He <u>peered</u> through the foggy window, trying to spot his friend in the distance.	
Vault (Noun)	A strong room to keep valuable things safe	The gold was locked inside a heavily guarded <u>vault</u> beneath the bank.	
Vault (Verb)	To jump over something using force or speed	The athlete <u>vaulted</u> over the high bar with strength and grace during the competition.	



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Strand (Noun)	A single thread or fiber	A <u>strand</u> of her hair fell loose.	
Strand (Verb)	To leave someone without means to move	The storm <u>stranded</u> the hiker in the forest.	
Foil (Noun)	A very thin sheet of metal, often used for wrapping food or other purposes	I wrapped the leftovers in <u>foil</u> .	
Foil (Verb)	To prevent success	Security <u>foiled</u> the robbery attempt.	
Bear (Noun)	A cumbersome or difficult burden	Completing the project was a real <u>bear</u> .	
Bear (Verb)	To produce (fruit, offspring, etc.)	The tree <u>bears</u> fruit every summer.	



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Stoop (Noun)	A small porch or set of steps at an entrance	Robert waited for his children on the <u>stoop</u> .	
Stoop (Verb)	To bend forward and downward	Robert <u>stooped</u> to tie his shoelaces.	
Table (Noun)	A flat surface	The <u>table</u> was set for dinner.	
Table (Verb)	To postpone discussion	They <u>tabled</u> the motion for later debate.	
Lumber (Noun)	Wood prepared for building	The carpenter ordered new <u>lumber</u> .	
Lumber (Verb)	To move clumsily	The bear <u>lumbered</u> through the forest.	
Fine (Noun)	A sum of money paid as a penalty	He had to pay a <u>fine</u> for parking in a no-parking zone.	
Fine (Adjective)	Of high quality or very delicate	She wore a dress made of <u>fine</u> silk that shimmered in the light.	



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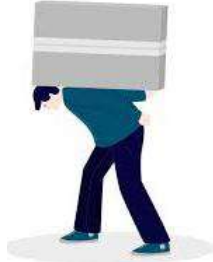





Bank (Noun)	The land or sloping edge at the side of a river, lake, or stream.	I sat on the river bank and watched the boats go by.	
Bank (Noun)	An institution dealing with money	The HDFC bank announced new policies.	
Contract (Noun)	A formal agreement to fulfil an obligation	He has just signed a contract keeping him with the club.	
Contract (Verb)	To become affected with (a disease or disorder)	I contracted malaria but didn't recognize the symptoms at first.	
Well (Noun)	A deep hole from which water is taken	They drew water from the well near the farm.	
Well (Adverb)	In a good or satisfactory way	She performed very well in the exam.	 WELL DONE
Cleave (Verb)	To cling closely	She cleaved to her beliefs despite opposition.	



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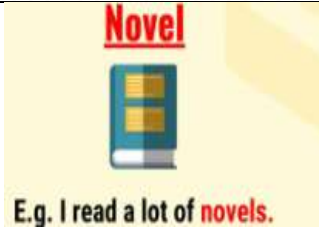
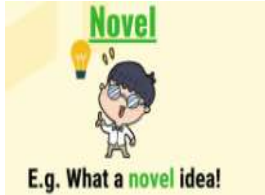


Cleave (Verb)	To split forcefully	The warrior <u>cleaved</u> the shield in two.	
Weather (Noun)	Atmospheric conditions	The <u>weather</u> today is cold and rainy.	
Weather (Verb)	To withstand or endure difficulties	They <u>weathered</u> many hardships together.	
Yield (Verb)	To produce or provide results	The experiment <u>yielded</u> unexpected findings that challenged the initial hypothesis.	
Yield (Verb)	To surrender or give way under pressure	The structure <u>yielded</u> to the stress, causing a minor collapse.	
Crack (Noun)	A line on the surface of something where it has broken but not completely split	There was a long <u>crack</u> in the wall after the earthquake shook the building.	



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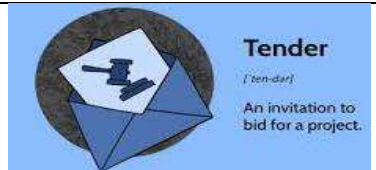




Crack (Verb)	To break or cause something to break without separating completely	He accidentally <u>cracked</u> the mirror while cleaning it.	
Stalk (Noun)	The main stem of a plant	She gently broke the corn <u>stalk</u> and placed it in a basket for the harvest festival.	
Stalk (Verb)	To follow someone quietly and secretly, often to harm or scare them	The tiger <u>stalked</u> its prey through the tall grass, moving slowly and silently.	
Compact (Adjective)	Closely packed or efficiently arranged	The lab designed a <u>compact</u> microscope for field research.	
Compact (Noun)	A formal agreement	The two universities signed a research <u>compact</u> to share data and funding.	
Novel (Noun)	A long-written story, usually about imaginary characters and events	She spent the entire weekend reading a mystery <u>novel</u> that kept her hooked until the very end.	
Novel (Adjective)	New, different, or never seen before	The scientist came up with a <u>novel</u> idea to reduce plastic waste by turning it into useful bricks.	



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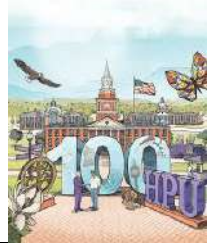







Grave (Noun)	A burial place	Historical <u>graves</u> were discovered during the archaeological dig.	
Grave (Adjective)	Serious or critical	The scientist expressed <u>grave</u> concerns about the data manipulation.	
Default (Noun)	A preset condition or automatic choice	The system uses a <u>default</u> setting that prioritizes high-resolution imaging.	
Default (Verb)	To fail to meet an obligation or requirement	The researcher <u>defaulted</u> on her reporting deadlines, delaying publication.	
Tender (Adjective)	Soft, gentle, or delicate	Her hands were rough from work, but her voice was <u>tender</u> and calm.	
Tender (Noun)	A formal offer to carry out work or supply goods	The company won the <u>tender</u> to build the new city library.	
Post (Noun)	A military station	He was assigned to an overseas <u>post</u> .	
Post (Verb)	To assign to a position	She was <u>posted</u> as ambassador to France.	



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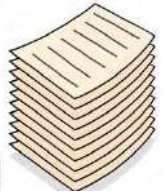





Rock (Noun)	A stone	A rope was tied around a <u>rock</u> nearby.	
Rock (Noun)	A genre of music	Rovilla likes to listen to <u>rock</u> music.	
Capital (Noun)	Chief city	Paris is the gastronomic <u>capital</u> of the world.	
Capital (Noun)	wealth, in the form of money	At last, they ceased working for lack of <u>capital</u> .	
Quarry (Noun)	A place where stone is mined or excavated	The workers spent the whole day cutting limestone from the <u>quarry</u> on the hill.	
Quarry (Noun)	An animal or person that is chased or hunted	The hunters followed their <u>quarry</u> deep into the forest.	
Lean (Verb)	To rest against something for support	She had to <u>lean</u> on the rail as she climbed the stairs with difficulty.	
Lean (Adjective)	Having little fat; slim	The dancer's <u>lean</u> body moved gracefully across the stage.	



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Content (Noun)	The material or topics included in something	The thesis <u>content</u> covers an interdisciplinary range of philosophical theories.	
Content (Adjective)	Satisfied or showing a sense of peace	The scholar was <u>content</u> with the results, even though they challenged her hypothesis.	
Console (Noun)	A control panel for operating a system or device	The technician adjusted the settings using the control <u>console</u> in the lab.	
Console (Verb)	To comfort someone who is sad or distressed	The supervisor tried to <u>console</u> the student after her project proposal was rejected.	



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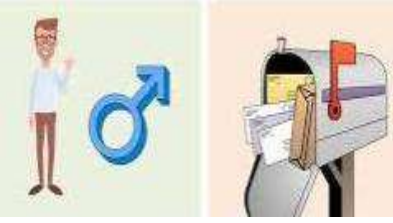
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Homophone	Meaning	Use in Sentence	Picture
Pair	Two of something.	I bought a new pair of shoes.	
Pear	A juicy fruit.	She ate a juicy pear.	
Sun	The star in the sky.	The sun is shining brightly.	
Son	A male child.	Her son is very good at Mathematics.	
Flour	Used for baking.	We need flour to bake cake.	
Flower	Blooms in the garden.	This flower blooms in the spring.	
Sea	A large body of salt water.	The ship sailed across the sea.	
See	To look at.	I can see, you are hiding under the bed.	
Blew	Past tense of blow.	The wind blew the hat away.	
Blue	A colour.	I love blue colour.	
Write	To put words on a paper.	I have told him to write a letter.	
Right	Direction or correct.	Turn towards the right. He is absolutely right.	



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Night Knight	The time after sunset. The soldier in armour.	It gets dark at night. The knight wore a shiny dress.	
One Won	The number after zero. Past tense of win.	She has one pet dog. Our team won the match.	
Tail Tale	Part of animals body. A story.	The cat wagged its tail. He told us a funny tale.	
Plane Plain	Simple or flat. A flying machine.	He wore a plane shirt for the party. The plain has just landed.	
Brake Break	Device to stop a vehicle To shatter or pause	Press the brake to stop the car. Be careful not to break the glass.	
Cell Sell	Small room or a unit. To trade for money.	He was locked in a jail cell. They sell ice-cream at the store.	
Mail Male	Letters and packages. The gender opposite of female.	I checked the mailbox for mail. There is a separate one for the males.	



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Board Bored	A flat surface or piece of wood. Feeling uninterested.	She wrote on the white board. I was bored during the long speech.	
Eight Ate	The number after seven. Past tense of eat.	He has eight apples. He ate an apple.	
Peace Piece	Calm and quiet. A part of something.	I enjoy the peace of this park. Can I have a piece of cake?	
Principle Principal	A rule or belief. Head of a School/college	She stands by her principles. The principal gave a speech.	
Sight Site	Ability to see. Location or place.	He lost his sight in the accident. The construction site is far away.	
Steal Steel	To take without permission. Strong metal.	Never steal anyone's belongings. The bridge is made of steel.	
Toe Tow	Part of your foot. To pull a vehicle	I stabbed my toe on the door. We had to tow the car.	



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Capital Capitol	A city or money. A government building.	New Delhi is the capital of India. The lawmakers met at the capitol.	Capital Vs Capitol 
Compliment Complement	Praise. Complete or to go well with.	She gave me a nice compliment. The scarf complements our outfit.	 Complement  Compliment
Stationary Stationery	Not moving. Writing materials.	The car remained stationary. I bought new stationery for school.	 STATIONARY  STATIONERY
Council Counsel	Group of people. Advice or a lawyer.	The city council nominated their head. She gave wise counsel.	COUNCIL: • meeting of a group of people meeting to discuss laws or rules  COUNSEL: • advice given or a person who gives legal or professional advice 
Affect Effect	To influence. The result of an action.	Lack of sleep can affect our focus. The effect of the speech was powerful.	
Flew Flu	Past tense of fly. Short form for influenza.	The bird flew across the sky. I stayed home because of the flu.	



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Desert	Dry area.	The camel lives in the hot esert.	
Dessert	Sweet course fter a meal.	I had pastries for dessert.	
Serial	In a sequence.	I watched a new crime erial.	
Cereal	Breakfast grain.	He has cereal for reakfast.	
Bare	Uncovered	He walked bare foot.	
Bear	An animal or to arry.	The bear climbed the tree.	
Great	High quality or magnitude.	He is a great man.	
Grate	To rub omething gainst rough surface.	Mother told me to grate ome cheese.	
Access	Ability to enter.	Students have access to he liberty.	
Axis	An imaginary line or rotation.	Earth rotates around its xis.	
Aloud	Spoken audibly.	She read the story aloud.	
Allowed	Permitted.	Phones are not allowed n the class.	



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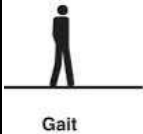
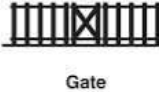




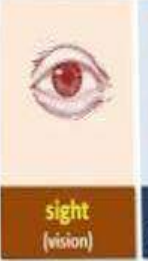








Cache Cash	Stored items (usually digital) Money	He cleared the browser's cache. I paid cash at the counter.	
Chord Cord	Combination of musical notes. String or rope.	He played a chord on his guitar. The lamp's cord was tangled.	
Course Coarse	A class or path. Rough or crude.	She has opted for the latest computer course. The texture of the mat is coarse.	
Die Dye	To stop living. To colour something.	Plants will die if you don't water them. I want to dye my hair purple.	
Faze Phase	To disturb or bother. A stage or step.	The noise didn't faze her. He's going through a rebellious phase.	



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Gait Gate	Manner of walking. An entrance or barrier.	The horse had a smooth gait. She opened the gate of the garden.	 
Peak Pique	The top of something. To provoke interest or emotion.	We reached the mountain peak by noon. The mystery novel piqued my curiosity.	Peak, Peek, or Pique?   
Sight Site	The act of seeing. A place or location.	The sunset was a beautiful sight. They visited the construction site.	  
Peer Pier	Someone of equal status/friend. A structure extending over water.	She asked her peer for help. The ship docked at the pier.	Pair Pear Pare   
Currant Current	A type of berry. Present or flow of water or electricity.	I added currants to the cake. The current in the river was strong.	 



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Holy Wholly	Sacred or religious. Completely.	The shrine is a holy place. He was wholly responsible for the project.	<div> <div> HOLY Means sacred, pure, or godly. </div> <div> WHOLLY/WHOLEY A variant spelling of the adverb "wholly", which both means in a complete or undivided way. </div> </div>
Foreword Forward	Intro in a book. Ahead or onward.	The book's foreword was written by a professor. She stepped forward to peak.	<div> <div> Foreword </div> <div> Forward </div> </div>
Hoard Horde	To collect and store. A large group.	He began to hoard old newspapers. A horde of fans gathered at the concert.	<div> <div> HORDE A horde is an overgrown crowd of surging mass of people or other things. </div> <div> HOARD Hoard is commonly used as both a noun and a verb. Meanings are similar. "To hoard" (verb) is to amass a cache of possessions, jewels, food, or even animals that is contained in the hoard (noun). </div> </div>
Mussel Muscle	A type of shellfish. Body tissue that enables movement.	We tried steamed mussels at the seafood restaurant. He pulled a muscle while lifting heavy boxes	<div> <div> Cereal This is my favourite breakfast CEREAL. </div> <div> Serial We never miss our TV SERIAL. </div> </div>
Forth Fourth	Onward in time or place. Number after third.	He brought forth the evidence. This is my fourth attempt.	<div> <div> Forth or Fourth? forth (forward, onward) </div> <div> fourth (4th) </div> </div>



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Idle Idol	Not active Someone admired or worshipped.	The machines were idle all day. The singer was her idol.	
Lessen Lesson	To reduce. A unit of teaching.	You should lessen your screen time. Today's lesson was on climate change.	
Seam Seem	The line where two pieces are joined. To appear or look like.	The seam of her dress popped. You seem tired today.	







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IDIOMS







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Idiom	Meaning	Example	Image
Cut the mustard	To meet expectations or perform well.	Rudra's performance didn't quite cut the mustard, so they gave the role to someone else.	
Dance with the thunder	Take bold risks without fear of consequences.	She danced with the thunder by launching her business in a risky market and it paid off.	
Wear heart on one's sleeves	Showing your emotions, particularly love/ loyalty and not hiding your feelings.	She simply doesn't wear her heart on her sleeve, so it's sometimes difficult to know what she's feeling.	
To have sticky fingers	To have a tendency to steal.	The man indeed has sticky fingers as he frequently steals objects when he visits a hotel on a vacation.	
Cry stinking fish	To put down or undervalue one's own work or efforts.	Joe is crying stinking fish again: his artwork is impressive, and he really needs to stop doubting himself.	
To bark up the wrong tree	To pursue a mistaken course of action or make a false accusation.	If you think I am the one who took your book, you are barking up the wrong tree.	
To get something off one's chest	To confess something that has been bothering one.	By telling Masha about my poor score in the last semester I really got the burden off my chest.	
Throw in the towel	To give up.	After several attempts to fix the car, he finally threw in the towel and called a mechanic.	



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Spill the beans	To reveal a secret.	Nilofer spilled the beans in front of her parents when she mistakenly revealed the information about the party.	
Take a rain check	To postpone an invitation.	I had to rain check the gathering since arrangements were not possible within that short period.	
To jump on the bandwagon	To join a popular trend or activity.	I jumped on the bandwagon by opening an Insta account.	
Think/speak of the devil	Said when a person you were just talking about appears.	We were just talking about Mohan, and speak of the devil – he walked right in!	
To put a sock in it	To tell someone to be quiet.	He was talking nonstop during the premiere of the movie, so I finally had to tell him to put a sock in it.	
A dog in a bone fight	To be involved in or affected by a situation personally.	This is between myself and my insurance company and I don't see that the government has any dog in the bone fight.	
Bug in one's ear	To give someone a suggestion or hint, often subtly and persistently, that they cannot ignore or forget.	Before the meeting, my manager put a bug in my ear about a hike in fees.	
To tie the knot	To get married.	Martha tied the knot with Harry last summer, they are a happy couple.	
To let sleeping dogs lie	To avoid stirring up trouble.	Iran must let the sleeping dogs lie by not mentioning the nuclear deals now.	
Turn a blind eye	To pretend not to notice something wrong.	The authorities were criticized for turning a blind eye to the corruption in the company.	



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The straw that broke the camel's back	A final event or action that, while seemingly insignificant on its own, is the last in a series of unpleasant events that pushes someone or something to their breaking point.	The constant delays were frustrating, but the last-minute cancellation of flight was the straw that broke the camel's back; we cancelled the trip.	
To cost an arm and a leg	To be very expensive.	Buying the latest i-phone will really cost an arm and a leg to a middle class girl like Samantha.	
To make a mountain out of a molehill	To exaggerate the importance of something.	Mrs. Flondings really made a mountain of a molehill when she got upset over a small mistake in the recipe.	
To bite the bullet	To face a difficult or unpleasant situation with courage and stoicism	Archer indeed bit the bullet when he was posted in Afghanistan; he has not changed the tough life even after.	
To have a bee in one's bonnet	To be preoccupied or obsessed with an idea.	Caren had a bee in her bonnet about the way the meeting was handled and could not let it go all week.	
Eat your heart out	If you say "eat your heart out" followed by the name of a famous person, you are joking that you are even better than that person.	I am playing my first IPL at the Wankhede, I may eat my heart out Rohit Sharma.	
Don't wash your dirty linen in public	To keep private matters confidential and avoid discussing them openly, especially if they are unpleasant or embarrassing.	Please don't argue in the hotel lobby, let's not wash our dirty linen in the public.	
It's a small world	When you unexpectedly meet someone you know in a place where you wouldn't expect to	I saw my old teacher at the grocery store today! It's a small world!	



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To be a wet blanket	To be a person who spoils other people's fun by failing to join in with or by disapproving of their activities.	Every time we suggest something exciting, Romi acts like a wet blanket.	
Stepping up your game	To improve your skills, performance, or behaviour.	He needs to step up his game if he wants to make the team.	
Heart of gold	A kind and generous person.	She appears tough on the outside but she's got a heart of gold really.	
Kill with kindness	To be too kind to someone and to overwhelm or harm them by helping them too much.	My mother just won't leave me alone since I've been ill. She's killing me with kindness.	



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PHRASES

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Phrase	Meaning	Example
A Pyrrhic Victory	A victory that comes at such a great cost that it is almost tantamount to defeat.	Winning the lawsuit was a Pyrrhic victory because the legal fees bankrupted him.
Throw Down the Gauntlet	To challenge someone to a fight or contest.	The CEO threw down the gauntlet by daring competitors to match their innovation.
Hobson's Choice	A situation in which there is really only one choice offered.	Taking the late shift was a Hobson's choice; it was either that or lose the job.
Catch-22	A problematic situation for which the only solution is denied by a circumstance inherent in the problem.	You can't get a job without experience and you can't get experience without a job — a classic Catch-22.
Between Scylla and Charybdis	Caught between two equally dangerous alternatives.	She was stuck between Scylla and Charybdis, having to choose between a pay cut or resignation.
Cut the Gordian Knot	Solve a complex problem in a simple, decisive manner.	He cut the Gordian knot by proposing a merger instead of fighting the lawsuit.
Throw a Spanner in the Works	To cause a disruption in a smooth operation.	His sudden resignation threw a spanner in the works for the project.
Move the Goalposts	To change the rules or targets unfairly.	Just when I thought I'd met the criteria, they moved the goalposts again!
Penny for Your Thoughts	A way of asking someone what they are thinking.	You've been quiet for a while — penny for your thoughts?
Steal Someone's Thunder	Take attention away from someone else's achievements.	She stole my thunder by announcing her engagement during my birthday party.
Burn the Midnight Oil	To work late into the night.	She burned the midnight oil to finish her thesis.
Fools Rush in	Inexperienced people often	Investing in unknown stocks



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Where Angels Fear to Tread	try to do things that more experienced people would avoid.	without research is a classic case of fools rushing in where angels fear to tread.
Throw the Baby Out with the Bathwater	Discard something valuable while trying to eliminate something undesirable.	In revising the curriculum, be careful not to throw the baby out with the bathwater.
The Sword of Damocles	A constant and imminent peril.	For politicians, public opinion hangs like a Sword of Damocles over their heads.
Bury the Hatchet	To make peace and end a conflict.	After years of rivalry, the two families finally buried the hatchet.
Ride Roughshod Over	To treat someone badly and disregard their feelings or rights.	He rode roughshod over the committee's objections.
By the Skin of One's Teeth	Narrowly; barely succeeding in something.	He passed the exam by the skin of his teeth.
Go the Whole Hog	To do something completely or thoroughly.	If we're redecorating, we might as well go the whole hog and do every room.
Pull the Wool Over Someone's Eyes	To deceive someone.	Don't try to pull the wool over my eyes — I know what you did.
Be Hoist with One's Own Petard	To be harmed by one's own plan intended to harm someone else.	The spy was hoist with his own petard when his double-dealing was exposed.
Know Which Way the Wind Blows	To understand the current situation and likely future developments.	A good leader knows which way the wind blows before making a decision.
Clutch at Straws	To desperately try to find a solution or hope where there is little chance of success.	He was clutching at straws, hoping she would forgive him.
Cut One's Teeth	To gain initial experience.	She cut her teeth on local journalism before moving to national newspapers.
Feather One's Nest	Enrich oneself at the expense of others.	The corrupt official was accused of feathering his own nest.
Run the Gauntlet	To go through a series of difficulties or dangers.	He had to run the gauntlet of angry protesters to reach the courthouse.
Take the Wind Out of Someone's Sails	To deflate someone's confidence.	Her sharp comment really took the wind out of his sails.



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Beyond the Pale	Outside the bounds of acceptable behaviour.	His rude remarks were beyond the pale.
Cry Over Spilled Milk	To be upset over something that cannot be undone.	There's no use crying over spilled milk — move on and fix the issue.
Grasp at Straws	To make a desperate attempt at solving a problem.	He was grasping at straws, trying anything to save the business.
The Ball is in Your Court	It's your turn to take action or make a decision.	I've done all I can; now the ball is in your court.
