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Paradox

noun

Definition: a seemingly absurd or self-contradictory statement or proposition that when investigated or explained may prove to be well founded or true.

Example: "in a paradox, he has discovered that stepping back from his job has increased the rewards he gleans from it"

Synonyms: contradiction, contradiction in terms, self-contradiction,

Gambit

noun

Definition: a device, action, or opening remark, typically one entailing a degree of risk, that is calculated to gain an advantage.

Example: "his resignation was a tactical gambit"

Synonyms: advantage, upper hand, edge, lead, whip hand, trump card, first step, first move

Rupture

verb

Definition: breach or disturb (a harmonious feeling or situation).

Example: "once trust has been ruptured it can be difficult to regain"

Synonyms: sever, break, cut off, break off, breach, disrupt, separate, divide, tear asunder, cleave, rend, sunder,

Fierce

adjective

Definition: having or displaying an intense or ferocious aggressiveness.

Example: "the tiger is the largest member of the cat family and a fierce predator"

Synonyms: ferocious, savage, vicious, wild, feral, untamed, undomesticated, aggressive, bloodthirsty,

Exigencies

noun

Definition: an urgent need or demand.

Example: "women worked long hours when the exigencies of the family economy demanded it"

Synonyms: need, demand, requirement, want, necessity, essential, requisite,

Foray

noun

Definition: a sudden attack or incursion into enemy territory, especially to obtain something; a raid.

Example: "the garrison made a foray against Richard's camp"

Synonyms: raid, attack, assault, incursion, swoop, strike, charge, sortie, sally, rush, onrush, push, thrust,

Disparaging

adjective

Definition: expressing the opinion that something is of little worth; derogatory.

Example: "disparaging remarks about public housing"

Synonyms: belittle, denigrate, deprecate, depreciate, downgrade, play down,

Overtone

noun

Definition: a subtle or subsidiary quality, implication, or connotation.

Example: "the decision may have political overtones"

Synonyms: connotation, hidden meaning, secondary meaning, implication, association

Fulcrum

noun

Definition: the point on which a lever rests or is supported and on which it pivots.

Synonyms: central shaft, fulcrum, axis, axle, swivel, pin, hub, spindle, hinge,

Exclusivist

noun

Definition: the action or policy of excluding a person or group from a place, group, or privilege.

Onus

noun

Definition: used to refer to something that is one's duty or responsibility.

Example: "the onus is on you to show that you have suffered loss"

Synonyms: burden, responsibility, liability, obligation, duty, weight, load,

Partisan

noun

Definition: a strong supporter of a party, cause, or person.

Synonyms: supporter, follower, adherent, devotee, champion,

Scrupulously

adverb

Definition: in a very careful and thorough way.

Example: "a scrupulously researched biography"

Obliquely

adverb

Definition: not in a direct way; indirectly.

Example: "he referred only obliquely to current events"

Synonyms: diagonally, at an angle, slantwise, sideways, sidelong, aslant, athwart, aslope, indirectly

Maxim

noun

Definition: short, pithy statement expressing a general truth or rule of conduct.

Example: "the maxim that actions speak louder than words"

Synonyms: saying, adage, aphorism, proverb, motto, saw, axiom, dictum,

Propagate

verb

Definition: spread and promote (an idea, theory, etc.) widely.

Example: "the French propagated the idea that the English were violent and gluttonous drunkards"

Synonyms: spread, disseminate, communicate, pass on, put about,