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Backdrop

verb

Definition: lie behind or beyond; serve as a background to.

Example: "the rolling hills that backdropped our camp"

Nexus

noun

Definition: a connection or series of connections linking two or more things.

Example: "the nexus between industry and political power"

Deliberate

adjective

Definition: done consciously and intentionally.

Example: "a deliberate attempt to provoke conflict"

Synonyms: intentional, calculated, conscious, done on purpose, intended, planned, meant, considered, studied, knowing, wilful, wanton

Slacken

verb

Definition: reduce or decrease in speed or intensity.

Example: "the pace never slackens"

Synonyms: become/get/make slower, slow down, slow, decelerate

Galvanize

verb

Definition: shock or excite (someone) into taking action.

Example: "the urgency of his voice galvanized them into action"

Synonyms: jolt, shock, startle, impel, stir, spur, prod, urge, motivate

Poised

adjective

Definition: having a composed and self-assured manner.

Example: "not every day you saw that poised, competent kid distressed"

Synonyms: self-possessed, self-assured, composed, assured, self-controlled, cool-headed, calm,

Dexterity

noun

Definition: skill in performing tasks, especially with the hands.

Example: "her dexterity with chopsticks"

Synonyms: deftness, adeptness, adroitness, agility, nimbleness, handiness, ability,

Incur

verb

Definition: become subject to (something unwelcome or unpleasant) as a result of one's own behaviour or actions.

Example: "I will pay any expenses incurred"

Synonyms: suffer, sustain, experience, bring upon oneself, expose oneself to, lay oneself open to;

Doctrinal

adjective

Definition: concerned with a doctrine or doctrines.

Example: "doctrinal disputes"

Articulate

adjective

Definition: having or showing the ability to speak fluently and coherently.

Example: "an articulate account of their experiences"

Synonyms: eloquent, fluent, communicative, effective, persuasive,

Incapacitate

verb

Definition: prevent from functioning in a normal way.

Example: "he was incapacitated by a heart attack"

Synonyms: disabled, debilitated, indisposed, unfit

Deter

verb

Definition: prevent the occurrence of.

Example: "strategists think not only about how to deter war, but about how war might occur"

Synonyms: prevent, stop, put a stop to, avert, nip in the bud, fend off,

Prudent

adjective

Definition: acting with or showing care and thought for the future.

Example: "no prudent money manager would authorize a loan without first knowing its purpose"

Synonyms: wise, well judged, judicious, sagacious, sage, shrewd,

Faltering

adjective

Definition: losing strength or momentum.

Example: "his faltering career"

Hold one's horses/Hold your horses/Hold its horses

Definition: wait a moment.