

Chapter 2

Agnostic-: **noun** a person who holds the view that any ultimate reality (such as God) is unknown and probably unknowable broadly : one who is not committed to believing in either the existence or the nonexistence of God or a god

I have always wondered how one could be agnostic.

Ameliorate- **verb** make (something bad or unsatisfactory) better.

The students completed their homework to ameliorate their grade.

Blasphemy- **noun** the act of insulting or showing contempt or lack of reverence for God.

The young rebel's conversation was considered blasphemy to the leaders of the church.

Capricious- **adjective** given to sudden and unaccountable changes of mood or behavior.

The storm was expected to make its way up north but made a capricious turn instead.

Consecrate- **verb** make or declare (something, typically a church) sacred; dedicate formally to a religious or divine purpose.

The church building was built then consecrated.

Covenant- **noun** an agreement.

After the flood, God made a covenant with his people.

Disingenuous- **adjective** not candid or sincere, typically by pretending that one knows less about something than one really does.

Our president can be disingenuous at times, causing people to not like him.

Egregious- **adjective** outstandingly bad; shocking.

The raved about chef made food that was egregious.

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Exonerate- **verb** to relieve of a responsibility, obligation, or hardship; to clear from accusation or blame

His mom exonerated him; he was now able to do whatever he pleased.

Facetious- **adjective** treating serious issues with deliberately inappropriate humor; flippant.

He made facetious comments after the death of the young boy.

Fortuitous- **adjective** happening by a lucky chance; fortunate.

He won the lottery; he's always been fortuitous.

Metaphor **-noun** a figure of speech in which a word or phrase literally denoting one kind of object or idea is used in place of another to suggest a likeness or analogy between them (as in drowning in money) broadly : figurative language — compare SIMILE

The writer used metaphors throughout his book.

Oxymoron **noun** a combination of contradictory or incongruous words (such as cruel kindness) broadly: something (such as a concept) that is made up of contradictory or incongruous elements.

The neighborhood called the villain a hero, what an oxymoron.

Prodigal **adjective** characterized by profuse or wasteful expenditure: LAVISH

After many years, the prodigal's son came back home.

Quixotic **adjective** foolishly impractical especially in the pursuit of ideals especially marked by rash lofty romantic ideas or extravagantly chivalrous action.

My sister's quixotic expectation in a relationship has left her unmarried.

Soporific **adjective** causing or tending to cause sleep soporific drugs b: tending to dull awareness or alertness.

We are told we should operate heavy machinery while on certain medication because it can cause us to be soporific.

Tenuous: **adjective** having little substance or strength: FLIMSY, WEAK tenuous influences.

Cancer can make a person's body tenuous.

Umbrage **noun** a feeling of pique or resentment at some often fancied slight or insult.

We took umbrage at to her remarks

Visceral **adjective** felt in or as if in the internal organs of the body: DEEP a visceral conviction; not intellectual: INSTINCTIVE, UNREASONING

Some women have visceral feelings.