



## 1. CARDINAL

**Parts of Speech: NOUN**

**Meaning:** A high-ranking ecclesiastical official in the Roman Catholic Church; a bird with predominantly red plumage and a crest on the head.

**Synonyms:** Cleric, bishop, bird species.

**Antonyms:** Layperson, non-bird.

**Sentence:** The cardinal delivered a sermon to the congregation during the Sunday service.

**Adjective:** Meaning: Of primary importance; fundamental or essential.

**Synonyms:** Fundamental, essential, principal, key.

**Antonyms:** Insignificant, secondary, unimportant.

**Sentence:** The cardinal rule of safety is to always wear a helmet when riding a bike.

## 2. REPERCUSSION

**Parts of Speech: NOUN**

**Meaning:** The unintended consequence or indirect effect of an action or event; an outcome or result, especially one that is significant or far-reaching.

**Synonyms:** Consequence, aftermath, effect, impact.

**Antonyms:** Cause, action, origin.

**Sentence:** The decision to cut funding for education had serious repercussions, leading to a decline in the quality of schools and educational resources.

### 3. CHAUVINIST

**Parts of Speech: NOUN**

**Meaning:** A person displaying excessive or prejudiced loyalty or support for a particular group, cause, or gender, often with a belief in the superiority of that group.

**Synonyms:** Partisan, bigot, zealot, extremist.

**Antonyms:** Egalitarian, moderate, unbiased.

**Sentence:** He was criticized for being a chauvinist, always asserting the superiority of his cultural background.

### 4. VANDALISE

**Parts of Speech: VERB**

**Meaning:** To deliberately destroy or damage public or private property.

**Synonyms:** Deface, destroy, damage, desecrate.

**Antonyms:** Preserve, protect, respect.

**Sentence:** The group of vandals vandalized the park by spray-painting graffiti on the walls and breaking several benches.

### 5. CONFLAGRATION

**Parts of Speech: NOUN**

**Meaning:** An extensive and destructive fire that causes significant damage.

**Synonyms:** Blaze, inferno, firestorm.

**Antonyms:** Extinguishment, dousing.

**Sentence:** The historic building was engulfed in a conflagration that took hours for firefighters to bring under control.

### 6. LAMENTING

## **Parts of Speech: VERB**

**Meaning:** Expressing grief, sorrow, or regret; mourning or expressing sadness.

**Synonyms:** Mourn, grieve, wail, weep.

**Antonyms:** Rejoice, celebrate, be glad.

**Sentence:** She was lamenting the loss of her beloved pet, expressing her sorrow through tears and heartfelt words.

## **7. IMPUNITY**

### **Parts of Speech: NOUN**

**Meaning:** Exemption from punishment or harm; freedom from the consequences of one's actions.

**Synonyms:** Immunity, exemption, invulnerability.

**Antonyms:** Accountability, responsibility, liability.

**Sentence:** The corrupt official acted with impunity, knowing that the legal system was too weak to hold him accountable for his actions.

## **8. INCUMBENT**

### **Parts of Speech: ADJ.**

**Meaning :** Currently holding a position, often used in reference to a person holding an office or a position.

**Synonyms:** Current, present, holding, occupying.

**Antonyms:** Former, past, previous.

**Sentence:** The incumbent president is running for re-election.

## **9. DELEGITIMISATION**

### **Parts of Speech: NOUN**

**Meaning:** The act or process of undermining or questioning the legitimacy or authority of something, such as an institution, government, or individual.

**Synonyms:** Discrediting, undermining, questioning legitimacy.

**Antonyms:** Legitimization, validation, support.

**Sentence:** The constant criticism and allegations aimed at the elected government contributed to the delegitimization of the political process in the eyes of the public.

## 10. MUZZLE

**Parts of Speech:** VERB

**Meaning:** To fit a muzzle on an animal; to prevent someone or something from expressing their thoughts or feelings.

**Synonyms:** Restrain, silence, gag.

**Antonyms:** Unmuzzle, free, release.

**Sentence:** The government attempted to muzzle the media, limiting the freedom of the press.

