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VOCABULARY



SLAPDASH(adj.)

Meaning: Something that is done hastily or in a careless and rushed manner, often resulting in a lack of attention to detail or quality.

Synonyms: Cursory, Shoddy

Antonyms: Diligent, Thorough,

Meticulous

Sentence: The report was completed in a slapdash manner, with numerous errors and inconsistencies that could have been avoided with more careful consideration and attention to detail.



HINDSIGHT (noun)

Meaning: the understanding or awareness of a situation, event, or decision after it has occurred.

Synonyms: Reflection, Retrospection

Antonyms: Foresight, Prescience

Sentence: In hindsight, she realized that her decision to change careers was the best choice she could have made, leading to greater happiness and fulfillment.



CULVERT (NOUN)

Meaning: A culvert is a structure, usually a pipe or a channel, that allows water to flow under a road, railroad, or similar obstruction.

Synonyms: Conduit, Channel, Aqueduct

Sentence: Heavy rain caused the creek to overflow, highlighting the importance of the culvert beneath the road in preventing flooding and maintaining traffic flow.

GASP (verb)

Meaning: the act of inhaling suddenly with a wideopen mouth, usually in response to surprise, shock, or a lack of breathn.

Synonyms: Pant, Wheeze, Gulp

Antonyms: Exhale, Breathe out, Relax

Sentence: She couldn't help but gasp when she opened the door to find a room filled with balloons and confetti, a surprise birthday party awaiting her.

WISTFUL (adj.)

Meaning: a feeling of melancholy or yearning, often accompanied by a sense of longing or nostalgia for something that may not be attainable..

Synonyms: Nostalgic, Dreamy, Yearning

Antonyms: Content, Satisfied

Sentence: As she looked at the old photographs, a wistful expression crossed her face, reminiscing about the carefree days of her youth.

CRABBED (adj.)

Meaning: something that is irritable, grumpy, or

difficult to deal with.

Synonyms: Cross, Testy, Cranky

Antonyms: Cheerful, Pleasant, Affable

Sentence: His crabbed demeanor made it challenging for others to approach him with questions or concerns, creating a tense atmosphere in the office.

CLAMMY (adj.)

Meaning: something that is damp, sticky, and cold to

the touch..

Synonyms: Sweaty, Dank, Moist

Antonyms: Warm, Smooth, Comfortable

Sentence: After the intense workout, her skin felt clammy, and she welcomed the cool breeze to provide some relief.

PUERILE (adj.)

Meaning: something that is childish, immature, or silly

in a way that is typical of a child or youth..

Synonyms: Immature, Juvenile, Infantile

Antonyms: Adult, Sophisticated, Grown-up.

Sentence: His puerile jokes during the important business meeting were not well-received, as the team expected a more professional and mature approach to the discussion.



CANDOR (noun)

Meaning: the quality of being open, honest, and straightforward in speech or expression.

Synonyms: Frankness, Openness

Antonyms: Deceit, Dishonesty, Concealment,

Evasiveness

Sentence: Her candor in admitting her mistakes not only earned her the respect of her colleagues but also helped to build a culture of transparency in the workplace.

DERISIVE (adj.)

Meaning: something that expresses contempt or

ridicule, often in a mocking or scornful manner..

Synonyms: Mocking, Sneering, Ridiculing

Antonyms: Admiring, Appreciative, Complimentary

Sentence: The comedian's derisive comments about certain political figures drew laughter from the audience, but also left some feeling uneasy about the level of sarcasm in his humor.

MENDACIOUS (adj.)

Meaning: the quality of being untruthful or dishonest.

It describes someone or something that tends to lie or deceive.

Synonyms: Deceptive, False

Antonyms: Sincere, Genuine, Honest

Sentence: The mendacious politician claimed to have accomplished numerous feats, but upon investigation, it was revealed that most of his statements were fabrications.



IDIOMS & PHRASES PHRASES PHRASES



HOOK, LINE AND SINKER

Meaning: trying to achieve something with passion

In THE FAST LANE

Meaning: A life filled with excitement

BUTT IN

Meaning: Interrupt a conversation

DRAWN-OUT

Meaning: lasting longer than necessary







What is the tone used in the passage by the author?

- 1. Critical
- 2. Neutral
- 3. Informative
- 4. Skeptical



AMBITIOUS



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