

Glossary

accelerated - quickened, at an increased pace

accordingly - therefore

account(s) - a business customer

accountability - responsibility

ache - dull, constant pain

achievement - accomplishment, something you have done

acknowledge / acknowledgment - admit or confirm as true

acquaintances - casual (not close) friends

advancement - moving up, usually in work, school, war, or competition

affront - insult

aggressively - with energy and determination; using all one's resources

aloof - snobbish, acting as if one is better than others

amends (to make amends) - to repay for one's wrongs or mistakes

analysis - methodical study of something

apologize (apology) - 詫びる, 謝る

arrogant - over-confident; thinking of oneself as superior

artificial insemination - becoming pregnant by medical procedure and without sexual intercourse

at odds with - in conflict with, in disagreement

authoritarian - having a very strong central authority with lots of control

average - ordinary, the very middle of a number range

baby boom - period after WWII with a high birth rate

baby-sitting - watching someone else's children, usually for money, as I a part-time job

bachelor degree - usual four-year university degree

back off - give space to, stop pressuring

based (on) - derived from original version or model

bigotry - prejudice

blindfold - cloth wrapped over the head covering one's eyes

brag, bragging - boast, speak about oneself very highly

brush / brushing - touch lightly as one passes by

bumping - collide with

burden - heavy weight, workload, responsibility
butting in line / cutting in line - step in front of others who are waiting in line
cause and effect - 原因及び効果
chaotic - with no order
claustrophobic - afraid of small enclosed spaces
clone (cloning) - biological copy of a living organism
complicated - complex, not simple
(un)complimentary - negatively, insulting
concept - idea
confounded - confused
constantly - without stopping
contact information - name, address, telephone number, email address, etc.
context - surrounding environment or situation
contextual - depending on the surrounding time, place, person, situation
contract - legal agreement
contractual - related to a contract
contradicting - against, disagreeing with, proving false
contrastive - differently
contributes - offers, gives
contributing - giving or adding to
contrition - regret, feeling that one has done wrong with a desire to right that wrong
controversial - causing many different opposing reactions and opinions
craft / crafted - made by hand
critical thinking - logical, unemotional thinking
cutting in line / butting in line - step in front of others who are waiting in line
day to day - daily, everyday, ordinary
daycare - center that provides care for children on a day to day basis
dedication - determination; focus on a task, thing, or person
deliberate - intentional, willfully
demeanor - how one acts or behaves
density - how much or how many in a given space
depict - show, explain, or illustrate
dimension - size, aspect

Us and Them

disagreement - fight, argument, けんか

discomfort - uncomfortable feeling

distress - worry, anxiety, trouble

diverge - separate from, go a different way

doddering - old and senile, ぼけ

dominate - control, exert power over

downplay(ed)- make it seem smaller than it is, de-emphasize

dramatic - big, surprising

dramatically - severe, very obviously, easy to see

earning power - financial strength of a person or family; the salary one is capable of earning

elaborate - explain more completely, give more information about

elemental / elementally - basic

eliminating - removing from consideration, taking away

emphasize - put stress on, express importance of

engaged (in) - doing, active in

ensure (ensuring) - make certain

enthusiastic - with much positive approval, with excitement

erosion - wearing away, deterioration

establish(ing) - starting, beginning something

etiquette - manners

examined - studied

excel - do very well at something

excessive - too much

excluded - omitted, left out, kept out

exemplified - be a good example of something

exhausting - tiring

expectations - what one expects, what one thinks will be

expertise - skill

exponentially - ever increasing, at a very rapid rate

expressive - with lots of expression or feeling

extended family (vs. nuclear family) - in addition to parents and children, grandparents, uncles, aunts, etc.

extension - for a longer time or length;

extent - degree, how far

facilitator - someone who makes things easier

family name - last name, surname, 名字

fascinating - very interesting

fascism - authoritarian, nationalistic, right-wing form of government

faux pas - (French) - a social error, an embarrassing mistake

feverishly - working very quickly, in a great hurry

financial independence - enough money to eliminate the need for work

first name - given name, 下の名前

first-name basis - as friends, knowing someone well enough to call them by his first name

forbearance - ability to bear pain or hardship

forced - made one do something against one's will

foresee - see the future

formal - following rules; concerned with outward form or appearance

forthright(ness) - honesty, frankness

frank - honest, direct

frontier - leading edge

frustrated - unsatisfied, 隔靴搔痒

frustration - feeling unsatisfied, 隔靴搔痒

fulfilled - satisfied, content

gasp - a sudden, fast, breathing in, usually because of surprise or fear

genocide - killing of a group or set of people, usually of one race, belief, or nationality

grade point average (G.P.A) - numerical average of school grades

grammatically - regarding grammar

guilt - uncomfortable feeling for something wrong one has done

half-scale - 50% size

head - leader, top person

heated - emotional

heritage - personal, cultural, or racial background and history

hierarchy - a vertical arrangement by rank; ハイアラーキー; 階層

holler - shout, yell

home (at home) - feel as comfortable as if one were in one's own home

homogeneous - of one kind

honorific - suffix or prefix added to indicate respect

horizontally - side to side, 横に

hurtful - likely to cause pain or sadness

hypocritical - saying or doing one thing while believing or feeling another way;

identity - one's idea of oneself, how you think of who you yourself are

ignore - pretend not to see, pay no attention to

illegal - against the law

illustrate - explain by example or picture

immigrants - people who have come from another country

immigration - influx of people from other countries

imply/implies - hint at, say indirectly

impression - idea or feeling one gets

impulse - sudden feeling to do something without thinking about it in advance

in sync - synchronized, at the same time, on beat, in harmony

in the bargain - included, for free

inconceivable - something one is unable to imagine

indicated - shown

indispensable - necessary

individuality - what is different about a person

inevitably - certainly, for sure, with no other possible outcome or result

infinite - never ending

informal - casual

initiative - taking action on one's own

insensitive - unaware or uncaring

inseparably - united, joined, unable to be separated

intermarry - marry across cultural, racial, national, or religious lines

intermixed - mixed together

interrupt(ed) - stop someone or something while it or they are doing something else

intestines - one's digestive system; guts; 内臓

intimacy - personal closeness

intimate - close, personal

Us and Them

intimidating - fearful, frightening

intimidating - frightening, making one feel inferior or powerless

intolerant - not accepting of others' points of views, beliefs, or behavior

intonation - pitch variation in spoken language

invaders - people who come uninvited and against one's wishes, often forcefully

invariably - without change, certainly, always

invigorating - refreshing, stimulating

ironic - unexpectedly, often with a dark humorous twist

ironically - surprisingly, contrary to expectation

irritation - bothersome, annoying

itinerary - schedule, calendar

just (unjust) - fair, fitting

justice - fairness, the correct reward or punishment

last name - family name, surname, 名字

law enforcement - police

legal responsibility - what is required by law

litigation - legal proceedings; the suing of one person by another

litigation-prone - quick to seek legal action to settle disagreements

lubricant - something that makes things go smoothly

lukewarm - slightly warm

marital status - if one is married, single, divorced, etc.

mi casa es su casa - (Spanish) "My house is your house," a traditional greeting of hospitality.

military - self-defense forces, 軍勢

minefields - areas in which hidden bombs have been planted underground, 地雷原

mistaken - by mistake, wrongly

mobility - ability to move around

mockery - make fun of, insult

monologue - one person speaking

multiply - increase

myth - untrue story or fable that has become part of a culture, for example, Santa Claus

national identity - set of characteristics or beliefs thought to be shared by people of a country

nationalism - extreme form of patriotism

Native Americans - original inhabitants of North America; American Indians; in Canada,

“First Citizens”

new world - country one has emigrated to

novelties - new things or ideas

nuance - small detail of meaning or feeling

numerical - related to numbers

objectively - rationally, without emotion or consideration for personal feelings

obvious - immediately easy to see or understand

occupations - jobs

occupied - busy, inhabited

occur - happen

omit, omitted - to leave out, exclude

oriented - arranged by, aimed toward, prioritized by

out of one's depth - faced with too difficult a task; having too much or too difficult work

outback - the Australian countryside

outcome - result

override - take precedence over, leave ineffectual

paralyzed - unable to move

party / parties - person, people, or group of people

patriotism - love of and devotion to one's country

peek - a short look at

personal space - comfortable distance from one's body for others

perspective - point of view

pervasive - dominant, the general pattern

phenomenon - occurrence, an observed event

physical characteristics - what one looks like, one's appearance

politics - 政治

population density - how many people per area unit (square mile or square kilometer)

potentially - possibly; possible in the future

predict - tell what will happen in the future

predictable - easily forecastable, with an easy to guess outcome or result

preserve - save, keep

pressed - touched with pressure

pretend - act as if something were true, act out a fantasy

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principle - a major idea or belief; 原理

productive - efficient, producing something

proficiency - level of ability or skill

provocation - with the intent of causing others to act or react

puppet - hand or string controlled doll

puppeteer - person who controls a puppet

quarters (close quarters) - place where one lives, usually temporary, as with a student or soldier

radical (radically) - severe, extreme

rank - position in a hierarchy; how high or how low

rarely - not usually, hardly ever

re-defined - give a new meaning to

rear-ended - being struck from behind in a traffic accident

reciprocal - in exchange for, a two-way exchange

recognize - know, be aware of already knowing, understand, accept

reflected - showed, exemplified, indicated

regardless - under any conditions

register - level of language politeness or formality

regret - to feel bad about one's actions; 後悔

relative - person in one's extended family; 親戚

relatively - in relation to, compared with

remorse - to feel bad about one's actions; 悔悟

renowned - famous

restitution - repayment for damages

revealing - informative, showing something, telling something

ridiculous - silly, absurd

right-wing - conservative, reactionary, fascist political tendency

rural - not urban, in the country

sanity - a rational state of mind

scripted - written and rehearsed

seemingly - appearing or seeming to be; apparently

self-criticism - a careful evaluation at one's own actions

Us and Them

self-realization - fulfilled, becoming a complete person

self-reliance - ability to get along without outside help

self-reliant - able to get along without outside help

served (is best served) - benefits from, is helped by

server - waiter or waitress

sexual orientation - whether one is heterosexual, homosexual, bisexual, etc.

shortcoming - weak point

simultaneously - at the same time

sincerity - true feeling

sit-down dinner - formal dinner party

situational - changing by context, such as who, when, where, etc.

slaves - individuals completely deprived of human rights who are "owned" by other individuals

sleazy - dishonest or immoral

social lubricant - something that helps people get along with each other comfortably

socializing - going out with people

specify - state clearly and in detail

specify, specified - state clearly

spectrum - the complete range, usually in reference to light

spinach - ほうれんそう

square kilometers - area one kilometer by one kilometer, km²

staff - group of workers

state - a political unit, a country or nation

stigma - a negative aura, a mark of shame

stike/struck- hit

structural - having to do with how something is built or constructed

subset - group of items or people that are part of a larger group

sue (suits) - seek legal action against someone who you feel has wronged you

sum - total, all

superceded - take precedence over, replace, make ineffective

superficial/superficially - only on the surface

superiority - being better than

surname - family name, last name, 名字

Us and Them

surrogate mother - a woman who bears a baby for another woman or couple

take a back seat - make a lesser priority, treat as less important

telephoto - long lens for viewing faraway objects

theatrical - dramatic, showy

threaten/threatening - imply danger or harm for an act; make one fear violence or harm

titles - verbal indicators of rank or position

tolerant - accepting

toothpick - 楊子

touchie-feelies - personal style marked by open expression of emotion, usually with lots of touching

tragic - very sad, with a very sad outcome; disastrous

Twilight Zone - an old popular American TV show that focused on the paranormal (超常的)

typically - usually, normally

(un)complimentary - negatively, insulting

underlying - beneath the surface, underneath, not obvious

underscore - emphasize

uniforms - special work clothes, usually the same as other workers

unique - one of a kind, very special

unjust (just) - unfair

unpredictable (predictable) - unable to say what will happen, and uncertain outcome

unworthy - not worthy, not good enough for

usage - in language, how people speak

vacuum - nothing; an absence of everything

variation - change in the pattern, a different form

vertically - up and down, 縦割り

wack - crazy

wide-angle - camera lens that gives a wide view, often used in small spaces

work-style - way of working, the normal way of working in a given environment