

Advanced English Words – PART 03

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drawn looking man pale and thin

calling / **vocation** work or way of life suitable for you
vocation for sth belief that a particular work or way of life is suitable for you

camisole women's undershirt
smock long shirt worn by women

canine one of the four pointed teeth at the front of the mouth
incisor one of the eight sharp teeth at the front of the mouth used for biting
molar one of the twelve large teeth at the back of the mouth used for chewing food

canter slow pace of horse
trot medium pace of horse
gallop fastest pace of horse

capricious unpredictable, changeable
erratic unpredictable

cartel group of separate companies which do not compete with one another
syndicate group of people or companies, to publish

catchphrase phrase which becomes popular due to being used by the politician or entertainer
cliché phrase or idea which becomes meaningless, or uninteresting because of being used too often

causation the process of one event causing another event
domino effect / **knock-on effect** the process of one event causing a series of similar events

ceremonious behaving in an extremely formal way
unceremonious done roughly or rudely

chasten to feel sorry
contrite / **penitential** sorry for sth bad you have done
salve your conscience to do sth that makes you feel less guilty

chauvinism belief, that our country is best
jingoism belief, that our country is best especially, when connected to war

round off / wrap up to finish sth in an acceptable way

brook small river

beck / runnel stream

creek / rivulet small river or stream

bumbling behaving in awkward, confused way

fumbling awkward, hesitating, uncertain

bunting coloured flags, paper, etc.

confetti coloured papers, which are thrown over marrying couple

burn-out physically or mentally very tired

worn out damaged, very tired

butter-fingers who often drops things

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cherub like cupid but without bow, arrow

cupid Roman god of love as a boy with wings and bow, arrow

chic fashionable and elegant

debonair of man, fashionable and confident

sassy rude, fashionable and confident

chide / **rebuke** / **reprimand** / **reprove** to scold

reproof blame or disapproval, rebuke

chieftain leader of people

foreman leader of worker

chink / **clink** sound of glasses, coins

clang / **clank** sound of metal

chivalrous of a man, polite and kind towards women

chivalry polite and kind behaviour towards women

gallant brave; of a man, polite and kind towards women

gallantry courage in a war; polite and kind behaviour towards women

choir group of singers

chorus group of singers; sound of people, etc.

chuckle / **snicker** / **titter** to laugh quietly

chortle / **guffaw** to laugh loudly

giggle to laugh in a silly nervous way

grin at sb to smile widely at sb

simper / **smirk** to smile in a silly way

chunky having a short strong body

dumpy of a person, short and fat

cinder small piece of ash, wood, etc. that is no longer burning but may still be hot

tinder dry wood or grass, that burns easily and can be used to light a fire

circumscribe to restrict

curb to control or limit sth

trammel to restrict

clammy damp in unpleasant way

damp slightly wet

dank damp, cold, unpleasant

dumbfounded / nonplussed / gobsmacked unable to speak because of surprise
quizzical slightly surprised or amused

blaze a trail to be a pioneer
trail blazer pioneer

blench to react to sth in a frightened way
flinch (at sth) to make a sudden movement with the face or body due to pain, fear, etc.

blitzkrieg sudden military attack to win a quick victory
incursion sudden attack by foreign army
putsch sudden attempt to remove a government by force

bloom a flower
blossom a flower or a mass of flowers, especially on a fruit tree or bush

blooper embarrassing mistake that you make in public
clanger / pratfall embarrassing mistake
bloop to make a mistake
blunder / slip-up careless mistake
bloomer mistake

blub / blubber / sob to cry
sob your heart out to cry very much

blue-collar who does physical work in industry
pink-collar woman who does low paid jobs in office, restaurant

blur sth you cannot see or remember clearly
fuzzy blurred
muzzy unable to think in a clear way

befuddled / bemused / garbled / muddled confused
baffle / befog / bewilder / flummox / muddle sb up / mystify to confuse sb
bamboozle to confuse sb, especially by tricking them
in a daze in a confused state

boisterous / rambunctious / rumbustious noisy and full of life and energy
full of beans/life of a person, having a lot of energy

boor / skank / swine unpleasant person
skanky unpleasant

give sb the boot to dismiss sb from job
pink-slip letter given to sb to leave their job

the bottom line essential point in a discussion, etc.
the nub of sth / the crux of sth essential point of sth
the nitty-gritty most important details of sth

bourgeois belonging to the middle class; supporting capitalism
the bourgeoisie middle classes in society; (politics) capitalist class
petite bourgeoisie lower middle classes in society

bovine cattle like
canine dog like
equine horse like
feline cat like
ovine sheep like
piscine fish like
porcine pig like
vulpine fox like

bracing of weather cold but pleasantly
brisk quick; of weather, cold but pleasantly fresh

brash confident in a rude, noisy or aggressive way
cheeky rude in amusing or annoying way

break in to enter a building by force
burgle to enter a building illegally

bric-a-brac cheap ornament and small decorative objects
trinket cheap piece of jewellery or small decorative objects

brief to inform
debrief to question sb

brim the top edge of a cup, bowl, glass, etc.
brim (with sth) to be full of sth; to fill sth

brine very salty water for preserving food
briny / brackish salty

bring off / carry off / pull off to succeed in doing sth difficult

Advanced English Words – PART 02

backpack / rucksack a bag, carried on the back and used during climbing or walking

knapsack small rucksack

haversack a bag, carried on the back or over the shoulder

badmouth to say unpleasant things about sb

vilify to say or write unpleasant things about sb

baleful threatening

baneful evil or causing evil

bam! / wham! used when sth unexpected happens suddenly

poof! used when talking about sth disappearing suddenly

bandana brightly coloured cloth worn around the neck or head

choker jewellery or band of cloth around the neck

bash to hit sb/sth very hard, to criticize

bash / jamboree large party or celebration

basket case country or organization whose economic situation is very bad

bread basket agricultural land

batty / nutty slightly crazy

doolally / nuts crazy

beau boy friend

fella man, sb's boyfriend

beforehand in advance

behindhand late

behold to look at or see sb/sth

have/take a gander at sth to look at sth

pore over sth to look at or read sth carefully

bejewelled wearing jewellery

bewigged wearing a wig

bespectacled wearing spectacles

besmirch to damage sb's reputation

slur unfair remark to damage sb's reputation

the best part of sth most of sth

the better part of sth more than half of sth

betrothal engagement

betrothed engaged

bicentenary / bicentennial 200th anniversary

quincentenary 500th anniversary

biggie important person, thing, event

big-wig important person

billboard hoarding

billfold wallet

billing position

standing position or reputation

station social position

bitchy saying unpleasant things about sb

catty saying unpleasant things about sb, spiteful

blabber to talk in a silly or annoying way

blather to talk continuously

yap to bark a lot, to talk in a silly or annoying way

blasted / dashed / the deuce / the dickens used to express annoyance

the heck used to express annoyance or surprise

by Jove used to express surprise or to emphasize a statement

golly used to express surprise

upon my word used to express surprise

Heavens / Good Heavens / God in heaven / good God / my God / in Heaven's name / in

God's name used to express surprise, shock, anger or annoyance

jeepers / jeepers creepers used to express surprise or shock

catch sb napping to surprise sb

sb's jaw dropped / sb's jaw sagged suddenly surprised, shocked

Advanced English Words – PART 01

("sb" implies somebody, "sth" implies something)

abase yourself to accept sb's power over you

knuckle under to sb/sth to accept sb/sth else's authority

submissive too willing to accept sb else's authority

subservient to sth submissive, less important than sth else

abashed ashamed and embarrassed

bashful shy and easily embarrassed

put sb on the spot to make sb feel embarrassed by asking difficult question

about turn / volte face complete change of opinion, etc.

turn about sudden and complete change in sth

abstemious not allowing yourself to have much food or alcohol or enjoyable activities

austere without any decorations; (of a person) strict and serious; abstemious

ad-lib to give a speech or a performance without preparation or practice

improvise to make or do sth using whatever is available, to ad-lib

abuse unfair or cruel treatment of sb/sth

oppress to treat sb cruelly, to weigh down

persecute to treat sb cruelly

acclaim to praise sb publicly, praise and approval

commendation / plaudits praise and approval

accolade praise or award of honour

laurels honour and praise given to sb because of sth they have achieved

acrid bitter smell or taste

acrimony bitter feelings or words

adolescent young person who is developing from a child into an adult

teens years of a person's life when they are between 13 and 19 years old

affected pretended

disaffected unsatisfied

affront to insult or offend sb

take umbrage at sth to feel offended or upset by sth

aft in the stern of the ship or aircraft

abaft in the stern of a ship

stern the back end of a boat or ship

agglomeration group of things put together in no particular order

conglomeration mixture of different things found all together

a la carte food which is selected from the list of dishes and prices

table d' hot plate of food with fixed price

agnosia inability to recognize people and things

analgesia loss of the ability to feel pain while still conscious

apoplexy inability to feel, move because of injury in the brain

asphyxia difficulty in breathing which may cause death or unconsciousness

dyslexia difficulty in reading and spelling but no effect in intelligence

agoraphobia fear of being in the crowd

claustrophobia fear of being in a small confined place

alimony money, which is given to former husband or wife after the end of the marriage

palimony money which is given to former partner after the end of a relationship

altercation noisy argument or disagreement

argy-bargy noisy disagreement

alumna former woman student

alumnus former male student

amble / saunter / stroll to walk in a slow relaxed way

ramble to walk for pleasure

amorous showing sexual desire and love toward sb

eros sexual desire or love

androgen male sex hormone eg testosterone

oestrogen female sex hormone

animosity / antagonism / animus feeling of hostility

enmity / loathing feeling of hatred

anorexia nervosa condition, in which sb stops eating because of the fear of being fat

bulimia condition, in which sb repeatedly eats too much and then vomit

arrant / stark / utter used to emphasize

sheer utter, very steep

artifice clever tricks to cheat sb

wiles clever tricks to get sth

artiste professional actor, singer, or dancer

troupe group of actors, singers, dancers, who work together

atone (for sth) to do sth to show you are sorry for having done sth wrong

penance (for sth) an act done to show you are sorry for having done sth wrong

compunction / remorse a guilty feeling about doing sth wrong

attic / loft a space or room just below the roof of a house

garret small dark unpleasant room at the top of a house

averse to sth / averse to doing sth not liking sth or wanting to do sth

aversion strong feeling of not liking sb/sth

awe feelings of respect and slight fear

overawe to impress sb so much that they feel nervous or frightened

awfully / terribly very, very much, very badly

devilishly extremely, very

eminently (used to emphasize sth positive) extremely, very

enormously very, very much

exceedingly extremely, very, very much

excruciatingly extremely painful or bad

fabulously extremely

fiendishly extremely, very