

Weekly English Vocab 29 April to 04 May 2024

1. Burnish (verb)

Meaning; To make smooth or shiny by rubbing; to polish; to shine.



- **synonyms:** brighten, shine
- **antonyms:** tarnish, dull
- **Sentence Example:** *Burnished* the floor of the ballroom to a soft luster.
- **Verb (Definition):** *Verbs* are words that show an action (*sing*), occurrence (*develop*), or state of being (*exist*).

2. Joust (noun)

Meaning; To engage in mock combat or To engage in verbal sparring over an important issue



- **synonyms:** contest
- **antonyms:** support

- **Sentence Example:** The knights *jousted* against each other.
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3. Proffer (verb)

Meaning; An offer made



- **Synonyms:** propose, offer
- **Antonyms:** reject, deny
- **Sentence Example:** He *proffered* advice on how best to proceed.
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4. Corroborate (verb)

Meaning; To confirm or support something with additional evidence



- **Synonyms:** verify, validate
- **Antonyms:** reject, ignore
- **Sentence Example:** He witnesses *corroborated* the policeman's testimony.

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5. Brevity (noun)

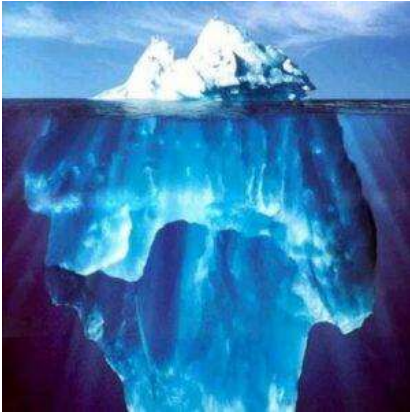
Meaning; The quality of being brief in duration, short in size



- **Synonyms:** shortness
- **Antonyms:** lengthiness
- **Sentence Example:** The best quality a graduation speech can have is *brevity*.
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6. Stiffen (verb)

Meaning; To make stiff.



- **Synonyms:** solidify, strengthen
- **Antonyms:** weaken, loosen
- **Sentence Example:** Plans to further *stiffen* the already onerous requirements for admission to the elite military unit.
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7. Emulate (verb)

Meaning; To attempt to equal or be the same as.



- **Synonyms:** imitate, irritate
- **Antonyms:** real, original
- **Sentence Example:** A pro athlete who has often said that children should *emulate* their parents—not him.
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8. Trepidation (noun)

Meaning; A fearful state; a state of concern or hesitation.



- **Synonyms:** apprehension, fear
- **Antonyms:** delight, happiness
- **Sentence Example:** He had some *trepidation* about agreeing to their proposal.
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9. Misprision (noun)

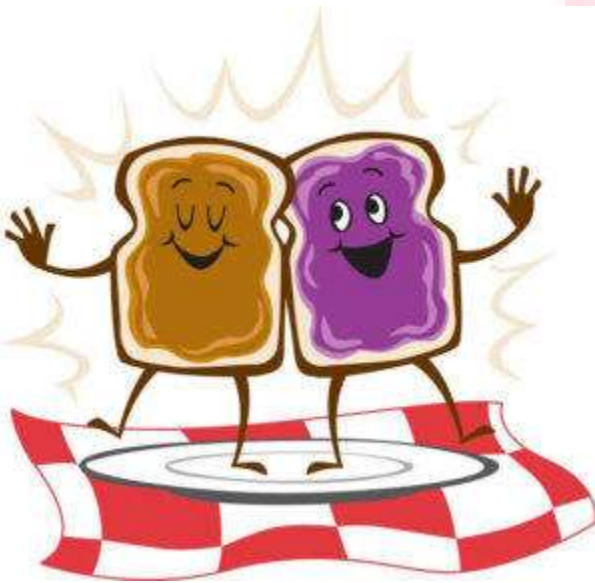
Meaning; Criminal neglect of duty or wrongful execution of official duties



- **Synonyms:** contempt
- **Antonyms:** tolerance
- **Sentence Example:** She was later convicted of *misprision* of a felony and sentenced to probation.
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10. Concomitant (adjective)

Meaning; Accompanying; conjoining; attending; concurrent.



- **Synonyms:** attendant, associate
- **Antonyms:** indifferent, unrelated
- **Sentence Example:** The drug's risks increase with the *concomitant* use of alcohol.
- **Adjective (Definition):** *Adjectives* describe or modify—that is, they limit or restrict the meaning of—nouns and pronouns. They may name qualities of all kinds: *huge, red, angry, tremendous, unique, rare,* etc.

11. Telltale (adjective)

Meaning; Revealing something, especially something not intended to be known.



- **Synonyms:** indicative, signifying
- **Antonyms:** secretive, uninformative
- **Sentence Example:** The department *telltale* told the boss that his coworkers were taking extra long breaks.
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12. Damning (adjective)

Meaning; Condemning.



- **Synonyms:** destructive, catastrophic
- **Antonyms:** favourable, optimistic
- **Sentence Example:** Its *damning* October financial report projected optimistically that such an offering would bring in \$139 million in 2024.
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13. Cozen (verb)

Meaning; To cheat



- **Synonyms:** deceive, hoax
- **Antonyms:** disclose, unmask
- **Sentence Example:** *Cozened* several elderly ladies into believing that he was intending marriage.
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14. Discard (verb)

Meaning; to throw away, to reject.



- **Synonyms:** dismiss, dump
- **Antonyms:** retain, store
- **Sentence Example:** They quickly **discarded** the idea.
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15. Laudable (adjective)

Meaning; Worthy of being lauded; praiseworthy



- **Synonyms:** applaudable, commendable
- **Antonyms:** unworthy, discreditable
- **Sentence Example:** Improving the schools is a *laudable* goal.
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16. Wager (noun)

Meaning; To bet something



- **Synonyms:** challenge, bet
- **Antonyms:** safeguard, protection
- **Sentence Example:** He has a *wager* on the game.
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17. Addict (noun)

Meaning; A person who is addicted



- **Synonyms:** habit
- **Antonyms:** choice
- **Sentence Example:** An inspiring story about *addicts* who seek help and manage to kick their habit.
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18. Proscription (noun)

Meaning: A prohibition



- **Synonyms:** constraint, embargo
- **Antonyms:** approval, permission
- **Sentence Example:** A strongly worded *proscription* against smoking indoors.
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19. Scorn (verb)

Meaning: To feel or display contempt or disdain



- **Synonyms:** disrespect
- **Antonyms:** respect
- **Sentence Example:** She *scorned* the advice of her ophthalmologist and had the laser eye surgery anyway.
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20. Incipient (adjective)

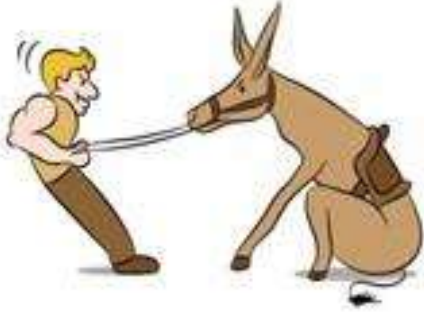
Meaning; In an initial stage; beginning



- **Synonyms:** beginning, commencing
- **Antonyms:** mature, developed
- **Sentence Example:** I have an *incipient* dislike and distrust of that guy, and I only met him this morning.
- **Adjective (Definition):** *Adjectives* describe or modify—that is, they limit or restrict the meaning of—nouns and pronouns. They may name qualities of all kinds: *huge, red, angry, tremendous, unique, rare,* etc.

21. Recalcitrant (adjective)

Meaning; Marked by a stubborn unwillingness to obey authority.



- **Synonyms:** unmanageable, stubborn
- **Antonyms:** manageable, compliant
- **Sentence Example:** A heart-to-heart talk with the *recalcitrant* youth revealed that he had a troubled life at home.
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