

Lesson

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placid (adj.)

definition: not easily upset or excited

synonym: calm, peaceful, gentle

antonym: agitated, unsettled

sentence: The yoga teacher's placid demeanor was soothing to the class.

boon (n.)

definition: a helpful or beneficial thing

synonym: **bonus/windfall**

antonym: **curse/loss**

sentence: The YouTube celebrity's shout-out was a boon to my sister's small business.

anomaly (noun)

definition: something that deviates from what is expected or normal

synonym: **exception/outlier**

antonym: **norm**

sentence: It was a complete anomaly when Caroline, a freshman, won the title of Homecoming Queen, an honor usually reserved only for senior girls.

harbinger (noun)

definition: something that marks the approach of something else

synonym: forerunner, foreshadowing

antonym: effect

sentence: The storm clouds on the horizon were a harbinger of doom.

oblivious (adjective)

definition: not aware of, or not concerned, about what is happening around oneself

synonym: unaware, ignorant, detached

antonym: aware, conscious

sentence: Because he was so focused on his phone, he was oblivious to the fact that he was about to walk into traffic.

hone (verb)

definition: to make more pointed

synonym: sharpen/edge

antonym: dull/lessen

sentence: My appetite was honed by fresh air and exercise.

espouse (verb)

definition: to support

synonym: defend/champion

antonym: forsake/reject

sentence: The politician espoused the president's opinions and worked to help get the bill passed.

traverse (verb)

definition: to travel across or through

synonym: **cross/trek**

antonym: **stay/sit**

sentence: I traversed the tangle of picnic tables as I made my way through the food festival.

sublime (adj.)

definition: so wonderful it inspires

great awe

synonym: majestic/superb

antonym: awful/inferior

sentence: The orchestra performed a sublime rendition of the theme from *Madame Butterfly* that brought a tear to my eye.