

Lesson

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plausible (adj)

definition: seeming reasonable or probable

synonym: possible/conceivable

antonym: impossible/unlikely

sentence: Police must investigate every plausible explanation for the crime.

odious (adj.)

definition: extremely unpleasant

synonym: **foul/distasteful**

antonym: **pleasant/welcome**

sentence: Charles was assigned the odious task of laying off the entire division.

posterity (noun)

definition: all future generations

synonym: heirs/lineage

antonym: past/memory

sentence: At Ground Zero in New York, victims names are read aloud each year for the sake of posterity.

bolster (verb)

definition: support or prop up

synonym: **boost/reinforce**

antonym: **hinder/undermine**

sentence: She needed to bolster her argument with clear facts.

blatant (adj.)

definition: completely lacking in subtlety

synonym: **overt/obvious**

antonym: **covert/hidden**

sentence: The conflicted father chose to believe his daughter's blatant lies.

transgress (verb)

definition: to break a rule or boundary

synonym: **overstep/disobey/misbehave**

antonym: **behave/obey**

sentence: There are legal

consequences for companies that

transgress labor laws.

plethora (noun)

definition: a large number of something, almost to excess

synonym: abundance/surplus

antonym: scarcity/lack

sentence: When I entered Powell's Sweet Shoppe, I was greeted by a plethora of sugary treats.

tenuous (adj.)

definition: insubstantial; in need of strengthening

synonym: **weak/thin**

antonym: **strong/thick**

sentence: Researchers have found a tenuous link between learning to play an instrument and higher math scores in school.

incessant (adj.)

definition: seeming to never have an end

synonym: **persistent/constant**

antonym: **ending/finished**

sentence: The children wanted to go outside and play, but the incessant rain kept them indoors for two days.