

Lesson

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embroil (verb)

definition: to involve deeply in an argument or conflict

synonym: **snarl/ensnare**

antonym: **exclude/uncomplicate**

sentence: The warring neighbors were embroiled in a lengthy lawsuit.

petulance (noun)

definition: angriness; foul mood

synonym: grouchiness/surliness

antonym: happiness/generosity

sentence: The nanny, who could no longer stand the child's petulance, resigned.

bristle (verb)

definition: to react defensively,
typically by drawing back

synonym: **withdraw/flinch**

antonym: **attack/pounce**

sentence: During the dinner party, my
mother bristled at my father's rude
remark.

respite (n.)

definition: a short period of rest during a difficult task

synonym: **break/recess**

antonym: **beginning/continuation**

sentence: Spring break is a welcomed respite before the intensity of final exams.

robust (adj.)

definition: strong and healthy

synonym: **vigorous/powerful**

antonym: **weak/meek**

sentence: In the past four years, the economy has grown from weak to robust.

opulent (adj.)

definition: showing great wealth and luxury

synonym: **lavish/sumptuous**

antonym: **poor/destitute**

sentence: The prom couples enjoyed the opulent comfort of their limousine.

resplendent (adj.)

definition: beautiful, bright

synonym: radiant, dazzling, gorgeous

antonym: dull, gloomy

sentence: The girl looked resplendent in her sea green gown.

pragmatic (adj.)

definition: in a way that is sensible and reasonable

synonym: **logical/efficient**

antonym: **impractical/fanciful**

sentence: Steve Jobs' preference for jeans and black turtlenecks was certainly pragmatic.



debunk (verb)

definition: to show the falseness or hollowness of an idea

synonym: **expose/disprove**

antonym: **confirm/uphold**

sentence: The stars of the television show *Mythbusters* take great joy in debunking urban legends.