

## Fraught

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adjective

**Definition:** (of a situation or course of action) filled with or likely to result in (something undesirable).

**Example:** "marketing any new product is fraught with danger"

**Synonyms:** full of, filled with, swarming with, rife with, thick with, bristling with, charged with, loaded with, brimful of, brimming with, attended by, accompanied by

**Definition:** causing or affected by anxiety or stress.

**Example:** "there was a fraught silence"

**Synonyms:** anxious, worried, upset, distraught, overwrought, agitated, distressed, distracted,

**Antonyms:** calm

## Pilgrims

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noun

**Definition:** a person who journeys to a sacred place for religious reasons.

**Synonyms:** visitor to a shrine, worshipper, devotee, believer,

## Distrust

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noun

**Definition:** the feeling that someone or something cannot be relied upon.

**Example:** his distrust of his mother's new suitor

**Synonyms:** : mistrust, suspicion, wariness, chariness, lack of trust, lack of confidence, lack of faith, scepticism, doubt, doubtfulness, dubiety, cynicism, misgivings, questioning.

## Chasm

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noun

**Definition:** a deep fissure in the earth, rock, or another surface.

**Synonyms:** gorge, abyss, canyon, ravine, gully, gulf, pass, defile, couloir, crevasse, cleft, rift, rent, pit, void, crater, cavity, hole, opening, gap,

## Aftermath

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noun

**Definition:** the consequences or aftereffects of a significant unpleasant event.

**Example:** "food prices soared in the aftermath of the drought"

**Synonyms:** repercussions, aftereffects, byproduct, fallout, backwash, trail, wake,

## Overture

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noun

**Definition:** an approach or proposal made to someone with the aim of opening negotiations or establishing a relationship.

**Example:** "Coleen listened to his overtures of love"

**Synonyms:** opening move, conciliatory move, move, approach, advances, feeler, signal, proposal,

## Ironed out

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Idiom

**Definition:** By extension, to ease, solve, or remove minor difficulties, troubles, or problematic details (of or in something).

**Example:** Our latest software update is nearly finished—we just need to iron out a few things before it's ready for release.

## Allegiance

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noun

**Definition:** loyalty or commitment of a subordinate to a superior or of an individual to a group or cause.

**Example:** "those wishing to receive citizenship must swear allegiance to the republic"

**Synonyms:** loyalty, faithfulness, fidelity, obedience, fealty, adherence, homage, devotion, bond, trueness

**Antonyms:** disloyalty, treachery

## Manoeuvre

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noun

**Definition:** a movement or series of moves requiring skill and care.

**Example:** "spectacular jumps and other daring maneuvers"

**Synonyms:** operation, exercise, activity, move, movement, action

## Intrigue

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verb

**Definition:** arouse the curiosity or interest of; fascinate.

**Example:** "I was intrigued by your question"

**Synonyms:** interesting, fascinating, absorbing, compelling, gripping, riveting, captivating, engaging,

**Definition:** make secret plans to do something illicit or detrimental to someone.

**Example:** "the delegates were intriguing for their own gains"

**Synonyms:** plot, hatch a plot, conspire, take part in a conspiracy,

## Lurk

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verb

**Definition:** (of a person or animal) be or remain hidden so as to wait in ambush for someone or something.

**Example:** "a ruthless killer still lurked in the darkness"

**Synonyms:** skulk, loiter, lie in wait, lie low, hide, conceal oneself, take cover, keep out of sight, sneak,

## Desertion

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noun

**Definition:** the action of deserting a person, cause, or organization.

**Example:** "I resented what I saw as my parents' desertion"

**Synonyms:** abandonment, leaving, forsaking, betrayal, neglect, shunning, stranding, jilting, relinquishment

## Defection

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noun

**Definition:** the desertion of one's country or cause in favor of an opposing one.

**Example:** "his defection from the Republican Party"

**Synonyms:** desertion, absconding, decamping, flight, changing

## Unabashed

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adjective

**Definition:** not embarrassed, disconcerted, or ashamed.

**Example:** "he was unabashed by the furor his words provoked"

**Synonyms:** unashamed, shameless, unembarrassed, brazen, audacious, barefaced, blatant, flagrant, bold,

## Faction

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**Noun**

**Definition:** a small organized dissenting group within a larger one, especially in politics.

**Example:** "the left-wing faction of the party"

**Synonyms:** clique, coterie, caucus, cabal, bloc, camp, group, grouping, side, sector, section, wing, arm,

## Splinter group

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**Definition:** a small organization, typically a political party, that has broken away from a larger one.

**Example:** "a splinter group of the Socialist Party"

**Synonyms:** clique, coterie, caucus, cabal, bloc, camp, group, grouping, side, sector, section, wing, arm, branch

## Manipulative

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**Definition:** characterized by unscrupulous control of a situation or person.

**Example:** "she was sly, selfish, and manipulative"

**Synonyms:** scheming, calculating, cunning, crafty, wily, shrewd, devious, designing, conniving,

## Rickety

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**Adjective**

**Definition:** (of a structure or piece of equipment) poorly made and likely to collapse.

**Example:** "we went carefully up the rickety stairs"

**Synonyms:** shaky, unsteady, unsound, unsafe, tottering, crumbling,

## Jostle

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**verb**

**Definition:** push, elbow, or bump against (someone) roughly, typically in a crowd.

**Example:** "people jostled against us"

**Synonyms:** bump into/against, knock into/against, bang into, collide with, cannon into, plow into, jolt, push

## Foreclose

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**Verb**

**Definition:** rule out or prevent (a course of action).

**Example:** "the decision effectively foreclosed any possibility of his early rehabilitation"

**Synonyms:** preclude, prevent, remove, get rid of, do away with, get round,

## Machination

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**Noun**

**Definition:** a plot or scheme.

**Example:** "he was cheated by the political machinations of the legislature"

**Synonyms:** schemes, plotting, plots, intrigues, conspiracies, designs, plans, devices, ploys, ruses, tricks, wiles,

## Undermine

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**Verb**

**Definition:** lessen the effectiveness, power, or ability of, especially gradually or insidiously.

**Example:** "this could undermine years of hard work"

**Synonyms:** subvert, sabotage, threaten, weaken, compromise, diminish, reduce, impair, mar, spoil,