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abuse	Use foul or abusive language towards. <i>The abuse of public funds.</i>
<u>afflict</u>	(of a problem or illness) cause pain or trouble to; affect adversely. <i>His younger child was afflicted with a skin disease.</i>
barbarous	(of language) coarse and unrefined. <i>A barbarous crime.</i>
cruelly	With cruelty. <i>Their hopes were cruelly dashed.</i>
<u>discriminate</u>	Distinguish. <i>Features that discriminate this species from other gastropods.</i>
draconian	Of or relating to Draco or his harsh code of laws. <i>The Nazis destroyed the independence of the press by a series of draconian laws.</i>
expletive	(of a word or phrase) serving to fill out a sentence or line of verse. <i>He was greeted by a stream of expletives.</i>
<u>exterminate</u>	Kill (a pest). <i>Hitler wanted to exterminate the Jews Gypsies Communists and homosexuals of Europe.</i>
<u>ferocious</u>	Savagely fierce, cruel, or violent. <i>A ferocious battle.</i>
<u>harass</u>	Make repeated small-scale attacks on (an enemy). <i>The squadron's task was to harass the retreating enemy forces.</i>
<u>heinous</u>	(of a person or wrongful act, especially a crime) utterly odious or wicked. <i>A battery of heinous crimes.</i>
irritate	Stimulate (an organism, cell, or organ) to produce an active response. <i>Aspirin irritates my stomach.</i>

maltreat	Treat (a person or animal) cruelly or with violence. <i>Children die from neglect or are maltreated by their carers.</i>
<u>merciless</u>	Showing no mercy. <i>Gave him a merciless beating.</i>
<u>misuse</u>	Treat (someone or something) badly or unfairly. <i>The director of the factory misused the funds intended for the health care of his workers.</i>
<u>mock</u>	Imitate with mockery and derision. <i>Jim threw up his hands in mock horror.</i>
<u>oppress</u>	Keep (someone) in subjection and hardship, especially by the unjust exercise of authority. <i>The government oppresses political activists.</i>
parricide	A person who commits parricide.
persecute	Harass or annoy (someone) persistently. <i>His followers were persecuted by the authorities.</i>
persecutor	Someone who torments. <i>A well known curmudgeon and persecutor of buskers.</i>
relentlessly	In an unceasingly intense or harsh way. <i>The songs are relentlessly upbeat.</i>
<u>ruthless</u>	Having or showing no pity or compassion for others. <i>A ruthless manipulator.</i>
ruthlessly	In a ruthless manner. <i>They fell prey to money lenders who ruthlessly exploited them.</i>
sadistic	Deriving pleasure or sexual gratification from inflicting pain on another. <i>A sadistic killer.</i>
sanguinary	Marked by eagerness to resort to violence and bloodshed. <i>This bitter and sanguinary war.</i>
torment	Torment emotionally or mentally. <i>The sinners will be tormented in Hell according to the Bible.</i>
<u>torture</u>	Subject to torture. <i>His tortured mind.</i>
truculence	Obstreperous and defiant aggressiveness.
<u>truculent</u>	Defiantly aggressive. <i>The truculent attitude of farmers to cheaper imports.</i>

