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

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

