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The state of having mixed feelings or contradictory ideas about something

ambivalence or someone.

The law s **ambivalence** about the importance of a victim s identity.

A person who seems to be displaced in time; who belongs to another age.

anachronism It is **anachronism** to suppose that the official morality of the age was mere

window dressing.

A person or thing that is the direct opposite of someone or something else.

Love is the **antithesis** of selfishness.

conflicting On bad terms.

Conflicting opinions.

A combination of statements, ideas, or features which are opposed to one

contradiction another.

The second sentence appears to be in flat **contradiction** of the first.

contradictory Politically he subjected contradictory

Politically he exhibited **contradictory** behaviour.

converse Engage in conversation.

Parental and filial are **converse** terms.

discrepant Not compatible with other facts. Widely **discrepant** statements.

. Unwilling to submit to authority.

<u>disobedient</u>
Larry was stern with **disobedient** employees.

dissentient Disagreeing, especially with a majority.

Dissentient voices were castigated as hopeless bureaucrats.

dissonant Unsuitable or unusual in combination; clashing.

Irregular **dissonant** chords.

A personal enemy.

The **enemy** shot down four helicopters.



incompatible Not compatible.

Long hours are simply **incompatible** with family life.

The quality of being inconsistent and lacking a harmonious uniformity

among things or parts.

inconsistency The inconsistency between his expressed attitudes and his actual

behaviour.

inexplicable Incapable of being explained or accounted for.

Left the house at three in the morning for **inexplicable** reasons.

inharmonious Not forming or contributing to a pleasing whole; discordant.

An **inharmonious** negative state of mind.

ironic Using or characterized by irony.

An **ironic** remark often conveys an intended meaning obliquely.

irony Witty language used to convey insults or scorn-Jonathan Swif.

The **irony** is that I thought he could help me.

Be resistant to.

A workers movement **oppose**d the regime.

opposing Facing; opposite.

On the **opposing** page there were two addresses.

oppositeCharacterized by opposite extremes completely opposed.

The literal is the opposite of the formative.

The literal is the **opposite** of the figurative.

outmaneuver Defeat by more skillful maneuvering.

The English troops **outmaneuver**ed the Germans.

A figure of speech in which apparently contradictory terms appear in

conjunction (e.g. faith unfaithful kept him falsely true).

A statement that contradicts itself.

paradox Cathedrals face the **paradox** of having enormous wealth in treasures but

huge annual expenses.

paradoxical Seemingly contradictory but nonetheless possibly true.

It is **paradoxical** that standing is more tiring than walking.

Showing a deliberate and obstinate desire to behave in a way that is

unreasonable or unacceptable.

perverseFilms depicting behaviour which seemed **perverse** or deviant were seen as

more suitable for private therapy than for public consumption.

refractive Capable of changing the direction (of a light or sound wave.

The **refractive** characteristics of the eye.

refractory (of a person or animal) resistant to infection.

The **refractory** period of a muscle fiber.



sarcasm Witty language used to convey insults or scorn.

She didn t like the note of **sarcasm** *in his voice.*

wayward Resistant to guidance or discipline.

A wayward adolescent.

