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aberration

deviation from what is normal or right

Usage: It is an *aberration* if it rains in December

abeyance

temporary inactivity or cessation

Usage: For the time being, the plans to build a new house have been kept in *abeyance*

abominate

to dislike strongly

Usage: Rahul *abominates* snakes

Synonyms: **abhor, loathe, detest, execrate**

abjure

to renounce under oath, give up, reject

Usage: The king *abjured* all his luxuries in favor of a simple lifestyle

aboriginal (aborigine)

native or indigenous

Usage: The tribals are the *aborigines* of this land

abrade (abrasive, abrasion)

to scrape off, irritating in manner or tone (abrasive)

Usage: His *abrasive* remarks were not approved of by his elders

Synonyms: **graze, chafe**

abrogate

to abolish (by formal means)

Usage: The offending paragraphs were *abrogated* from the article

Synonyms: **annul, repeal, rescind**

repudiate

to reject as having no authority, to disown, to refuse to acknowledge

Usage: After the fight in the family, the father *repudiated* his own son

risque

daringly close to indecency

Usage: *risque* jokes

rudimentary

in an undeveloped form

Usage: After birth, many organs are still in *rudimentary* condition

rueful

sorrowful, apologetic

Usage: to be *rueful* about one's behaviour and apologize

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sacrilegious

not having respect for something sacred

Usage: The demolition of the prayer hall was a *sacrilegious* act

sagacious

having sound judgment, wise

Usage: Only a *sagacious* person can take such mature decisions

Synonyms: **astute, sapient, judicious**

salacious

grossly indecent or obscene

Usage: a *salacious* act that causes embarrassment

Synonyms: **scurrilous**