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## VOCABULARY

1. **Sojourn:** a short period when a person stays in a particular place.
  - **Synonyms:** break, tarriance
  - **Antonyms:** continuation, start
  - **Example:** We decided to take a short sojourn to the beach for some relaxation.
2. **Derogatory:** showing a critical attitude and lack of respect for somebody.
  - **Synonyms:** pejorative, disparaging
  - **Antonyms:** complimentary, flattering
  - **Example:** The teacher reprimanded the student for making derogatory remarks in class.
3. **Antagonise:** to make someone dislike you or feel opposed to you.
  - **Synonyms:** disgruntle, rile
  - **Antonyms:** placate, reconcile
  - **Example:** Sarah didn't want to antagonise her coworkers, so she kept her opinion to herself during the meeting.

4. **Egregious:** Extremely bad in a way that is very noticeable.

- **Synonyms:** outrageous, flagrant
- **Antonyms:** honourable, laudable
- **Example:** Her egregious behaviour during the meeting shocked her colleagues.

5. **Provocation:** an action or statement that is intended to make someone angry.

- **Synonyms:** incitement, perturbation
- **Antonyms:** appeasement, alleviation
- **Example:** She remained calm, choosing not to respond to his deliberative behaviour.

6. **Paramount:** more important than anything else.

- **Synonyms:** cardinal, supreme, zenith
- **Antonyms:** inconsequential, trivial
- **Example:** In emergency situations, timely response is paramount.

7. **Dismantle:** to get rid of a system or organisation, usually over a period of time.

- **Synonyms:** abolish, dissolve
- **Antonyms:** establish, initiative
- **Example:** in an effort to streamline operations, the management choose to dismantle certain departments.

8. **Conciliatory**: showing willingness to end a disagreement, or trying to make someone less angry.
- **Synonyms**: placatory, mollifying
  - **Antonyms**: inflammatory, provocative
  - **Example**: The manager's conciliatory gestures helped diffuse tension among the team members.

### PHRASAL VERBS

9. **Cozy up**: to be friendly to someone with the hope of getting an advantage.
10. **Muscle in**: use one's power or influence to interfere with or become involved in another's business, area of activity, etc.
11. **Crack down on**: to start dealing with bad or illegal behaviour in a more severe way.
12. **Grapple with**: to try to deal with or understand a difficult problem or subject.

### IDIOMS

13. **Set alarm bells ringing**: to make someone feel worried or concerned about something.



## PHRASES

14. **Swearing in:** an occasion or ceremony in which someone begins a new official job or position by making a formal promise to do the work properly, to be honest and loyal, etc.
15. **Can ill afford:** If you say that someone can ill afford to do something, or can ill afford something, you mean that they must prevent it from happening because it would be harmful or embarrassing to them.