

English with Courtney

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WILLPOWER (n.)

self-control

MUSTER (v.)

to gather, summon

IMPASSE (n.)

a blocked passage; a situation so difficult that one can't move forward

RESIGNED TO (idiom)

calmly accepting something unpleasant

IN THE CARDS (idiom)

likely to happen

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MUNDANE (adj.)

something boring, dull, and/or tiring

ASSURANCE (n.)

confidence, a sense of being sure

APTITUDE (n.)

talent; capability to do or learn something

MULTISYLLABIC (adj.)

a word with multiple syllables

COLLOQUIALISM (n.)

a word or expression used in common, familiar conversation

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INTONATION (n.)

the pattern or melody of pitch changes in one's speech

INSIGHTS (n.)

to gain understanding of the true nature of something

NUANCES (n.)

slight differences in quality or characteristics

BROADEN [ONE'S] HORIZONS (idiom)

to increase the range of one's knowledge or opportunities

DIFFERENTIATE (v.)

to make different or unlike something else

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ACCUSTOMED TO (adj.)

to be used to something, someone

SPARINGLY (adv.)

in a. limited way

REPOSITORY (n.)

an abundance of something; a place where things are deposited

CONVERSELY (adv.)

by contrast, on the other hand

ELABORATE (adj.)

something worked out with care and attention to detail

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CONTEMPORARY (n.)

****in this context** a person of the same or of similar age**

INADEQUATE (adj.)

insufficient, not good enough

SUBSTANDARD (adj.)

inferior, bad

ANTICIPATING (v.)

hoping for or looking forward to something

PREFERABLE (adj.)

more desirable

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UNSATISFACTORY (adj.)

not satisfactory or up to standard

FORTHRIGHT (adj.)

direct, to the point

SHORT OF (phrase of 'short')

a small supply of something

EMPHASIZING (v.)

to bring attention to the importance of something

MISANTHROPIST (n.)

unfriendly person, someone who strongly dislikes other

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HARDWIRED (adj.)

a pattern of thought or behaviour that has become a standard

MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL (expression)

an exchange that benefits both groups, people, parties, etc.

CHAT (n./v.)

(to have) a dialogue

BINGE-WATCH (v.)

to watch multiple episodes of a show, one after the other