

1. **Excruciating (adjective)**

Meaning; Causing great pain or anguish, agonizing



Synonyms: disturbing, irritating

Antonyms: pleasing, soothing

2. **Trepidation (noun)**

Meaning; A fearful state; a state of concern or hesitation.

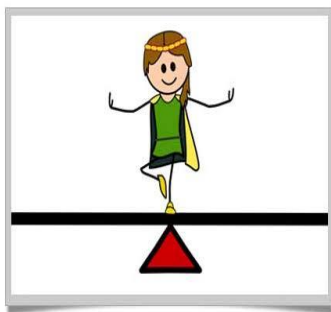


Synonyms: apprehension, fear

Antonyms: delight, happiness

3. **Poised (verb)**

Meaning; Balanced, in position



Synonyms: balance

Antonyms: imbalance

4. Wade (verb)

Meaning; to walk through water or something that impedes progress.



Synonyms: paddle

Antonyms: dodge

5. Clinch (verb)

Meaning; To hold firmly; to clench or to make certain; to finalize



Synonyms: finalize, settle

Antonyms: confuse, unsettle

6. Garish (adjective)

Meaning; Overly ostentatious or excessive



Synonyms: loud

Antonyms: low

7. Prune (verb)

Meaning; To cut down or shorten



Synonyms: cut

Antonyms: elongate