

# Initiation

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initiation

the act of somebody becoming a member of a group, often with a special ceremony

jar

a round glass container, with a lid, used for storing food, especially jam

cobwebs

a fine net of threads made by a spider to catch insects

rectangular

having or relating to right angles

to sift

to put a fine substance through a sieve

woodpile

a pile or heap of firewood

furnace

an enclosed chamber in which heat is produced

blindfolded

with the eyes covered

sorority

a club for a group of women students at an American college or university

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to smother

to suppress (a giggle)

trial

the act of trying or proving

the elect

the selected, the elite

wistful

sadly, pensive

plain

lowly (esp. in social rank), not attractive

vivacious

(especially of a woman) having a lively, attractive personality

to boss

to tell somebody what to do in an aggressive and/or annoying way

celebrity

a famous person

to muse

to reflect about or ponder on, usually in silence

locker

a small compartment or drawer that may be locked

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to disinherit

to deprive of a right or heritage

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drugstore

a shop where medical prescriptions are made up and a wide variety of goods and usually light meals are sold.

surge

a strong rush or sweep

slate

list of candidates

booth

a small enclosed or partially enclosed room

to cat

to flog, to dwell upon a subject

kiddish

immature, childish

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to flinch

to shy away from something, to draw back

to spoon up

to spoon out, to eat what is left

sundae

ice cream topped with a sweet sauce, nuts, whipped cream, etc.

meek

gentle, tame

gopher	American animal like a rat, that lives in holes in the ground
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exultation	great pride or happiness
paces	steps
parasol	a type of light umbrella that women in the past carried to protect themselves from the sun
to fend off	to defend or protect yourself from somebody/something that is attacking you
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to carol gaily	to jubilate full of joy
to scoff	to talk about sb/sth in a way that makes it clear that you think they are stupid or ridiculous
antics	behaviour which is ridiculous or dangerous
to be cross	to be angry
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aisle	a passage between rows of seats
jolly	cheerful, happy, gaily
ruddy	red
leprechaun	(in Irish stories) goblin, gremlin
to rattle off	to say something aloud from memory without having to think too hard
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crackers	biscuits
to go steady with sb	to have a romantic or sexual relationship with somebody, in which you see the other person regularly
no strings attached	without conditions or restrictions
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flock	group
to swoop	(of a bird or plane) to fly quickly and suddenly downwards, especially in order to attack sb/sth
to dip	to put sth quickly into a liquid and take it out again
to dart	to move suddenly and quickly in a particular direction
to sear	to dry up, to run dry
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to soar	to fly very high in the air or remain high in the air
exuberant	full of energy, excitement and happiness