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Catalyst (noun)

Definition: a person, thing, or agent that speeds up or stimulates a result, reaction or change.

Synonyms: **incentive, motivation, stimulant, impetus**

Antonyms: **block, hinderance, preventer**

Sentence: A slight tap from the riding crop was all the *catalyst* the race horse needed to put on speed and leave the others in his dust.

Cavort (verb)

Definition: to leap about in a sprightly manner; romp

Synonyms: **frolic, prance, dance, play**

Antonyms: **sulk, mope, pout**

Sentence: The stray puppy began to *cavort* with the children on the playground.

Chafe (verb)

Definition: to irritate as if by friction or rubbing

Synonyms: **annoy, vex, irritate**

Antonyms: **soothe**

Sentence: The stinging wind began to *chafe* our faces as we struggled through the storm.

Charisma (noun)

Definition: a great appeal or attraction for others; personal magnetism

Synonyms: charm, allure, appeal

Antonyms: repulsion, repulsiveness

Sentence: Although the candidate was very handsome and had a great deal of *charisma*, he had absolutely no idea of the issues.

Chauvinist (noun)

Definition: one who has a fanatical devotion to a country, sex, or religion with contempt for other countries, the opposite sex, or other beliefs.

Synonyms: bigot, sexist, patriot

Antonyms: unbiased

Sentence: Although he did not dislike women, he certainly was a male *chauvinist* and had a hard time treating females as equals.

Choleric (adjective)

Definition: easily angered

Synonyms: quick tempered, irritable

Antonyms: friendly, patient, tolerant

Sentence: He was a *choleric* man whose temper was bound to get him in trouble.