

## Interesting words

Conserving - Prevent something valuable from being changed, spoiled or wasted.

tainted - a small amount of decay, pollution or bad quality that spoils something.

custody - care and supervision; guardianship, imprisonment.

dazzled - make a person unable to see clearly because of too much bright light, amaze or impress a person by a splendid display.

batting an eye - To display a subtle emotional reaction, such as consternation, annoyance, sadness, joy, etc.

abibliophobia - This refers to someone who is afraid of running out of things to read.

flibbertigibbet - This refers to someone who is silly and talks incessantly.

Siege - A military operation in which enemy forces surround a town or building, cutting off essential supplies, with the aim of compelling those inside to surrender.

gradually - in a gradual way; slowly; by degrees.

hyphae - each of the branching filaments that make up the mycelium of a fungus.

basalt - a dark fine-grained volcanic rock that sometimes displays a columnar structure, typically composed largely of plagioclase with pyroxene and olivine.