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|   | **chancery**   (chansuree) *noun*    **1.**  A court with jurisdiction in equity.   **2.**  An office of archives for public or ecclesiastic records; a court of public records.   |

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|   | **constraint**   (kuhnstraynt) *noun*    **1.**  To be physically restrained and held. **2.**  repression of feelings; compulsion. **3.**  something that limits what you are able to do |

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|   | **evasive**   (ihvaysihv) *adjective*    **1.**  tending or trying to keep from doing something **2.**  Avoiding by cleverness; not straightforward **3.**  unclear answer or behaving in a sneaky way |

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|   | **inquest**   (ihnkwEHst) *noun*    An inquiry, often to investigate the cause of an unexpected death. |

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|   | **lax**   (laks) *adjective*    **1.**  Emptying easily or excessively. **2.**  loose; not firm or rigid; slack; not tight; relaxed **3.**  not careful or watchful enough; careless |

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|   | **malevolence**        **1.**  wishing evil or harm to others; malicious **2.**  Spite; malace; ill will; resentment |

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|   | **pacify**   (pasuhfii) *verb*    **1.**  Cause to be more favorably inclined; gain the good will of. **2.**  To soothe anger or agitation; To subdue by armed action |

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|   | **recumbent**    *adjective*    Lying down; in a position of comfort or rest.   |

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|   | **red herring**        **1.**  a literary device used to lead the reader astray **2.**  a false clue to throw a person off the trail |

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|   | **ruminate**   (roomihnayt) *verb*    to meditate, think about at length; to chew the cud |

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