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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. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **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 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **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 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **inquest**   (ihnkwEHst) *noun*    An inquiry, often to investigate the cause of an unexpected death. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **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 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **malevolence**         **1.**  wishing evil or harm to others; malicious  **2.**  Spite; malace; ill will; resentment |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **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 |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **recumbent**    *adjective*    Lying down; in a position of comfort or rest. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **red herring**         **1.**  a literary device used to lead the reader astray  **2.**  a false clue to throw a person off the trail |  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | **ruminate**   (roomihnayt) *verb*    to meditate, think about at length; to chew the cud | |