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Definitions

apparel (n.) clothing, that which serves as dress or decoration; (v.) to

put clothes on, dress up

besiege (v.) to attack by surrounding with military forces; to cause

worry or trouble

(v.) to press together; to reduce in size or volume; (n.) a folded compress

cloth or pad applied to an injury

denounce (v.) to condemn openly; to accuse formally

dispatch (v.) to send off or out for a purpose; to kill; (n.) an official

message; promptness, speed; the act of killing

douse (v.) to plunge into a liquid, drench; to put out quickly, extinguish

expressly (adv.) plainly, in so many words; for a particular purpose

famished (adj., part.) suffering severely from hunger or from a lack

of something

forsake (v.) to give up, renounce; to leave, abandon

gainful (adj.) profitable; bringing in money or some special advantage

immense (adj.) very large or great; beyond ordinary means of

measurement

inept (adj.) totally without skill or appropriateness

ingenious (adj.) showing remarkable originality, inventiveness, or

resourcefulness; clever

instantaneous (adj.) done in an instant; immediate

irk (v.) to annoy, trouble, make weary

libel (n.) a written statement that unfairly or falsely harms the

reputation of the person about whom it is made; (v.) to write or

publish such a statement

misgiving (n.) a feeling of fear, doubt, or uncertainty

(n.) a stupid person; a big, clumsy, slow individual oaf

(v.) to go or move backward; to become more distant recede

(n.) a meal, food repast

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