**o·blique·ly**[ ō blklee ]

* + indirectly: in a way that is not direct or straightforward
  + at angle: at an angle that is not a right angle

**cav·a·lier**

a courtly gentleman, esp. one acting as a lady's escort..

showing a lack of proper concern; offhand.

**lack·ey**

**1.** A liveried male servant; a footman.

**2.** A servile follower; a toady.

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**1.** A boy who acted as a knight's attendant as the first stage of training for chivalric knighthood.

**2.** A youth in ceremonial employment or attendance at court.

**3.** One who is employed to run errands, carry messages, or act as a guide in a hotel, theater, club, or the U.S. Congress or another legislature.

**4.** A boy who holds the bride's train at a wedding.

**dou·blet** (dhttp://img.tfd.com/hm/GIF/ubreve.gifbhttp://img.tfd.com/hm/GIF/prime.giflhttp://img.tfd.com/hm/GIF/ibreve.gift)

**1.** A close-fitting jacket, with or without sleeves, worn by European men between the 15th and 17th centuries.

**pic·a·roon**

**1.** a rogue, vagabond, thief, or brigand.

**2.** a pirate or corsair.

**cut·purse**

**1.** *Older Use.* a pickpocket.

**2.** (formerly) a person who steals by cutting purses from the belt.

**mar·quis**

a nobleman ranking next below a duke and above an earl or count.

**aes·thete**

**1.** a person who has or professes to have refined sensitivity toward the beauties of [art](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/art) or [nature](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/nature).

**2.** a person who affects great [love](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/love) of art, music, poetry, etc., and indifference to practical matters.

**in·cred·u·lous**

**1.** not credulous; disinclined or indisposed to believe; skeptical.

**2.** indicating or showing unbelief: *an incredulous smile.*

**os·ten·ta·tion**

**1.** pretentious or conspicuous show, as of wealth or importance; display intended to impress others.

**am·bus·cade**

***noun***

**1.** an ambush.

***verb (used without object)***

**2.** to lie in ambush.

***verb (used with object)***

**3.** to attack from a concealed position; ambush.

**scab·bard**

**1.** a sheath for a sword or the like.

**car·bun·cle**

**1.** *Pathology* . a painful circumscribed inflammation of the subcutaneous tissue, resulting in suppuration and sloughing, and having a tendency to spread somewhat like a [boil](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/boil), but more serious in its effects.

**2.** a gemstone, especially a garnet, cut with a convex back and a cabochon surface.

**3.** Also called **London brown.** a dark grayish, red-brown color.

**pa·tron**

**1.** a person who is a customer, client, or paying guest, especially a regular one, of a store, hotel, or the like.

**2.** a person who supports with money, gifts, efforts, or endorsement an artist, writer, museum, cause, charity, institution, special event, or the like: *a patron of the arts; patrons of the annual Democratic dance.*

**in·fin·i·tes·i·mal**

**1.** indefinitely or exceedingly small; minute: *infinitesimal vessels in the* [*circulatory system*](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/circulatory+system)*.*

**2.** immeasurably small; less than an assignable quantity: *to an infinitesimal degree.*

**3.** of, pertaining to, or involving infinitesimals.

**a·bom·i·na·ble**

**1.** repugnantly hateful; detestable; loathsome:

**2.** very unpleasant; disagreeable

**3.** very bad, poor, or inferior

**gro·tesque**

**1.** odd or unnatural in shape, appearance, or character; fantastically ugly or absurd; bizarre.

**2.** fantastic in the shaping and combination of forms, as in decorative work combining incongruous human and animal figures with scrolls, foliage, etc.

**du·en·na**

**1.** an older woman serving as escort or chaperon of a young lady.

**2.** a governess.

**lam·bast**

**1.** to [beat](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/beat) or whip severely.

**2.** to reprimand or berate harshly; censure; excoriate.