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1. Flagship (N)

The ship in a fleet which carries the commanding admiral.

The best or most important thing owned or produced by a particular organization.

"This bill is the flagship of the government's legislative programme"

2. Cryptic (Adj.)

Having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure.

"He found his boss's utterances too cryptic"

Similar:

Enigmatic, mysterious, hard to understand, confusing, mystifying.

3. Ready reckoner (N)

A book or table listing standard numerical calculations or other kinds of information presented formulaically.

4. Stir up a hornet's nest (Idiom)

Make trouble, cause a commotion, as in Asking for an audit of the treasurer's books **stirred up a hornets' nest** in the association. This metaphoric term, likening **hornets** to angry humans, dates from the first half of the 1700s.

5. Cherry-pick (V)

Choose and take only (the most beneficial or profitable items, opportunities, etc.) from what is available.

"The company should buy the whole airline and not just cherry-pick its best assets"

6. Proprietorship (N)

The state or right of owning a business or holding property.

"The company was established in 1912 and is still under the proprietorship of the same family"

A business or property, etc., owned by a proprietor.

"Plenty of new firms, especially sole proprietorships, don't make money in their first few years of operation"

7. Rent-seeking (N)

The fact or practice of manipulating public policy or economic conditions as a strategy for increasing profits.

"Cronyism and rent-seeking have become an integral part of the way our biggest companies do business"

Adjective: engaging in or involving the manipulation of public policy or economic conditions as a strategy for increasing profits.

"Rent-seeking lobbyists"

8. **Catch-all (N)**

A term or category that encompasses a variety of different elements.

"The stigmatizing catch-all term 'schizophrenia'"

9. **Double down (Phrase)**

(In blackjack) double a bet after seeing one's initial cards, with the requirement that one additional card be drawn.

"The amount only increases when you choose to split or double down"

Strengthen one's commitment to a particular strategy or course of action, typically one that is potentially risky.

"He decided to double down and escalate the war"