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# 10 COMMONLY MISUNDERSTOOD WORDS IN ENGLISH

## 1. ENORMITY

enormous in size (enormousness)

VS

monstrous evil, excessive wickedness, outrageousness

## 2. NONPLUSSED

unaffected, unimpressed

VS

bewildered, extremely puzzled, at a loss

## 3. BEMUSED

mildly amused

VS

to be bewildered, confused, engrossed in thought

## 4. REDUNDANT

"useless" or "unable to perform its function"

VS

beyond what is necessary or natural, needlessly wordy or repetitive

## 5. PLETHORA

to have a lot of something, many

VS

superabundance, an excess  
(has transitioned from a negative to positive connotation over time)

## 6. UNIQUE

unusual, extraordinary  
(often used with very/ rather/ quite)

VS

the only one of its kind, unparalleled

## 7. FULSOME

abundant (praise)

VS

offensively flattering or insincere

## 8. NOISOME

noisy

VS

obnoxious, harmful, offensive to senses

## 9. IRONIC

any kind of amusing coincidence

VS

the opposite (outcome) of what was expected, contrary to expectation

## 10. LITERALLY

it's an intensifier, used to emphasize a point; synonym for really or actually; often used in place of "figuratively"

VS

in a literal manner; word for word

