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### bigoted ADJECTIVE biaoted views prejudiced, biased, partial,

intolerant, narrow-minded

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# USAGE

Note that bigoted is a much stronger word than the alternatives given here.

# hill NOUN

1 a telephone bill account, invoice, statement. list of charnes

2 a bill in parliament draft law, proposed law

#### bin NOUN

a row of storage bins container, canister, receptacle, drum

# bind VERR

1 to bind things together fasten, tie, secure, attach, clamp, stick, connect, join, lash, link, rope, strap, truss, hitch

- 2 A nurse bound their wounds. bandage, dress, cover, wrap, swathe
- 3 They were bound by a solemn oath. oblige, require, compel, constrain, force necessitate

bird NOUN

#### WORD WER KINDS OF RIRD

wild birds: sparrow, thrush. blackbird, robin, starling, tit, bluetit, finch, chaffinch. greenfinch, swallow, wren, martin, jay, swift, lark, skylark, crow, rook, raven, magpie, pigeon, dove, jackdaw, linnet, nightingale, woodpecker

water birds: duck, swan, goose, heron, flamingo, stork, pelican, kingfisher, mallard, moorhen, coot, ployer, peewit, crane

sea birds: seagull, gull, quillemot, tern, albatross, gannet, cormorant, auk. penguin, puffin

cage birds: canary, budgerigar ((informal) budgie), lovebird, parrot, parakeet, cockatoo, cockatiel, myna bird, macaw, toucan, bird of paradise, kookaburra

birds of prey: eagle, hawk, owl, falcon, kestrel, buzzard. vulture condor

large running birds: emu, ostrich, kiwi fowl: chicken, turkey, hen

game birds: pheasant, grouse, quail

### birth NOUN

- 1 the birth of a child delivery, childbirth, (technical) parturition 2 of noble birth
- ancestry, descent, origin, parentage, lineage, pedigree, breeding, background, blood, extraction, family, genealogy, line, race, stock, strain
- 3 the birth of socialism beginning, origin, emergence. advent, dawn

bit NOUN



#### OVERUSED WORD a hit of chocolate

a bit of stone piece, portion, chunk, lump, hunk, fragment, morsel, particle, slice

 a bit That was a bit hard. rather, fairly, slightly, somewhat.

a little. (more informal) pretty · a bit of a bit of a shame

rather · bit by bit Bit by bit I began to

understand. gradually, slowly, little by little

# hite NOUN

bite

1 a hite on the arm

nip, sting, pinch, wound 2 a bite to eat mouthful, snack, morsel, bit, nibble, piece, taste

## bite VFRR

1 He bit an apple. munch, nibble, chew, crunch, gnaw, nip, champ, (formal) masticate

2 She had been bitten by an insect. sting, pierce

- 3 Tax increases have begun to bite. take effect, have an effect, take hold
- · bite into Acid starts to bite into the metal eat into, corrode, erode, wear away

# biting ADJECTIVE

1 a biting wind

bitterly cold, bitter, freezing, icy, raw, piercing, perishing, arctic 2 a bitina remark

caustic, harsh, cutting, incisive, bitter, penetrating, stinging, hurtful, cruel, sharp

bitter ADJECTIVE 1 a hitter taste

sour, sharp, acid, acrid, tart. harsh

OPPOSITES mild sweet 2 a bitter disappointment

cruel, distressing, painful, unnleasant 3 hitter remarks

harsh, cutting, caustic, incisive, biting, penetrating, stinging, hurtful, cruel, sharp 4 to feel felt hitter

resentful, embittered, cynical, aggrieved, disgruntled 5 a bitter quarrel

acrimonious, rancorous, angry. vitriolic 6 a hitter wind

biting, freezing, icv, raw, piercing, perishing, bitterly cold, arctic

# **OPPOSITE** gentle bizarre ADIECTIVE

a bizarre storv strange, weird, odd, extraordinary, eccentric, peculiar, curious, queer, unusual, arotesaue

# OPPOSITE ordinary black ADJECTIVE

1 blackink iet-black, coal-black 2 a black night

dark, unlit, moonless, starless, gloomy

3 hands black from mending the filthy, dirty, grimy, grubby, soiled

OPPOSITE spotless