

POTENT | Meaning

ADJECTIVE

having or wielding force or authority

Potent means really strong, but not like a body builder. Use *potent* instead to describe things like intense, powerful magic potions, and very influential people.

SYN vigorous, **cogent**, **virile**, puissant

ANT **liable**, fragile, delicate, pathetic

PHRASE **Boiled-down**, **Bona fide**, **Hopped-up**

'the **boiled-down** approach would make the original systems compatible with today's emulators or virtualization tools through slight modifications while still running on the original hardware'

'all cases against them were dropped and they became **bona fide** citizens again'

'if people are **hopped-up** on drugs enough, no threat of punishment will dissuade them'

'thrones were **potent** symbols of authority'

'I don't agree with the people who think we have to go out and shed a little blood to prove we're **virile** men'

'the stuff of the Absolute is not liable to any change. No factor of time would have any **cogent** **potency** to mutilate it'

QUAGMIRE | Meaning

NOUN

a soft wet area of low-lying land that sinks underfoot

A *quagmire* is a dangerous place, like the muddy shoreline of a pond. Because it's so hard to climb out of a *quagmire*, the word has also come to mean any difficult or sticky situation you find yourself in.

SYN marshy, morass, tangle, swamp

ANT arid, drought, panacea, boon

PHRASE Bog down, Getting stuck on, Can of worms

'Britain by contrast remains the least enthusiastic about military intervention, insisting that effective intervention would **bog down** hundreds of thousands of troops and squander countless millions of pounds'

'upper management is **getting stuck on** the notion that we need some complicated web application to launch alongside the product'

'corruption is a serious problem, but nobody has yet been willing to open up that **can of worms**'

'world leaders including President Obama have called for more investment in cleaner energy to lift economies out of the **quagmire** of rising unemployment and stalled economic growth'

'for more than a century, researchers have dug for answers, seemingly found them, argued about them, and searched some more, resulting in a **morass** of *confounding* [i] information'

‘any good leader today embraces change and new technologies; however, not all technology or software is a **panacea** for the organizations, redundant technologies might even cause a **tangle** for them’

[i] PERTURB **SYN confounding** [QUAGMIRE | Meaning]

ACCEDE | Meaning

VERB

yield to another's wish or opinion

The word *accede* means to agree with someone or give in to his or her wish. The word is often used in a political context. The word also means to take on duties or office. In Shakespeare's play, Macbeth kills the king and *accedes* to the throne.

SYN **acquiesce**, **assent**, comply, succumb

ANT dissent, **demur**, dispute, renounce

PHRASE **Toe the line**, **Knuckle under**, **Bow out**

‘in the past decades, the United States, as the liberal democratic giant of the world, tried, at least in name, to **toe the line** of the rule of law and the enforcement of human rights principles’

‘they can fire or refuse to hire potential journalists who refuse to **knuckle under** to the wishes of management’

'is it time for NASA, and for the government in general, to **bow out** and let the private sector take over the development of space?'

'the Queen **acceded** to the Prince's demands for more territory, a larger army, and funnier jesters'

'where authority is legitimate, it is both a simple duty and a natural inclination to **acquiesce** in it'

'after **demuring** for two months, the company decided to **assent** to the demands of employees for getting modern personal protective clothing'