World War I Vocabulary

Synonym: **stagnation**

Antonym: **victory**

stalemate

Definition: **a draw; neither victory nor defeat**

Sentence: By 1917 the war on the Western Front had ground to a **stalemate.**

Synonym: **losses**

Antonym: **n/a**

casualties

Definition: **killed and wounded**

Sentence: **Casualties** during World War I were staggering.

Synonym: **attitude**

Antonym: **n/a**

morale

Definition: **mental condition related to courage, confidence, enthusiasm, etc.**

Sentence: **Morale** was so low in the French Army that 750,000 men mutinied in the spring of 1917.

Synonym: **bothered**

Antonym: **cured**

plagued

Definition: **to torment**

Sentence: Russia was **plagued** by revolutionary movements during the First World War.

Synonym: **passing**

Antonym: **permanent**

provisional

Definition: **temporary**

Sentence: In Russia the Tsar was overthrown and replaced by a **provisional** government.

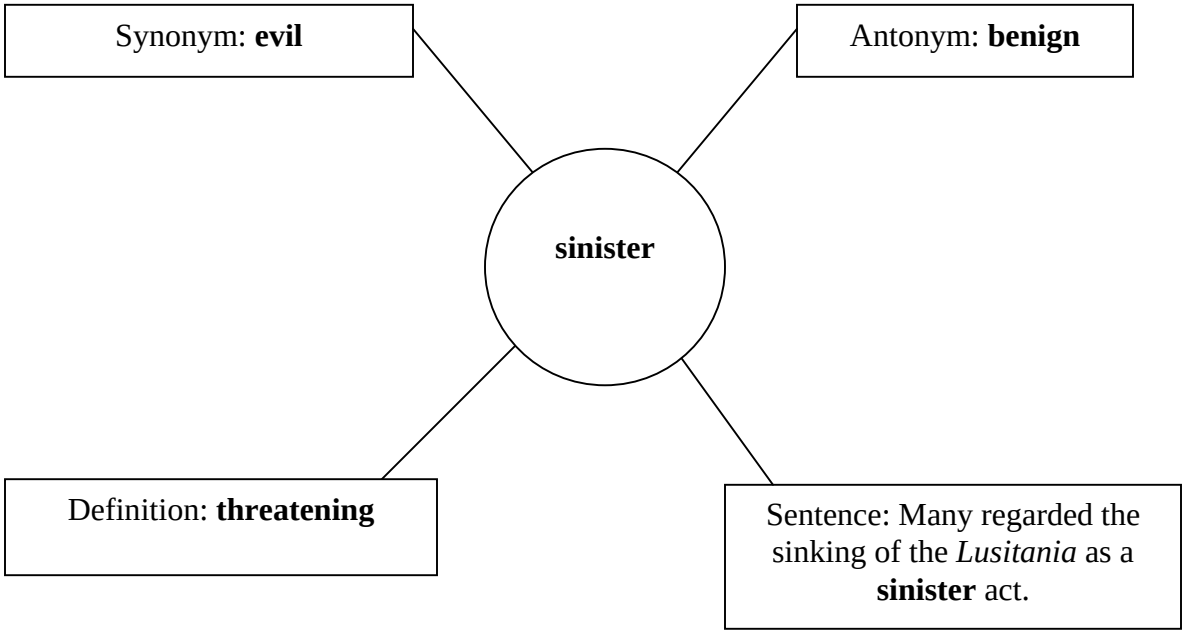
Synonym: **giving up**

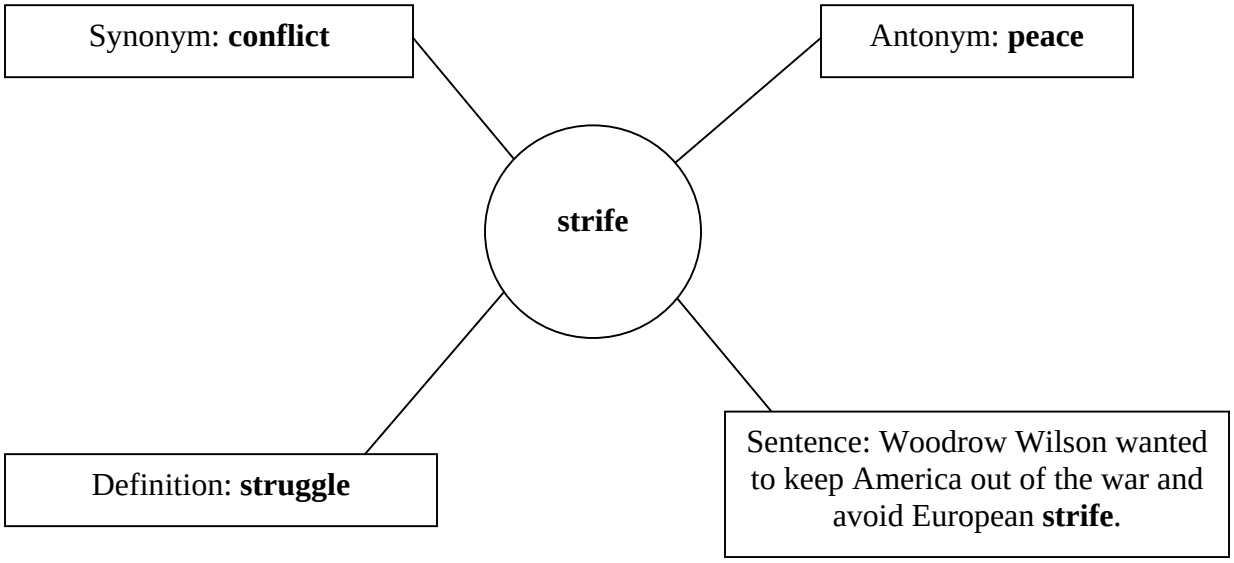
Antonym: **defiance**

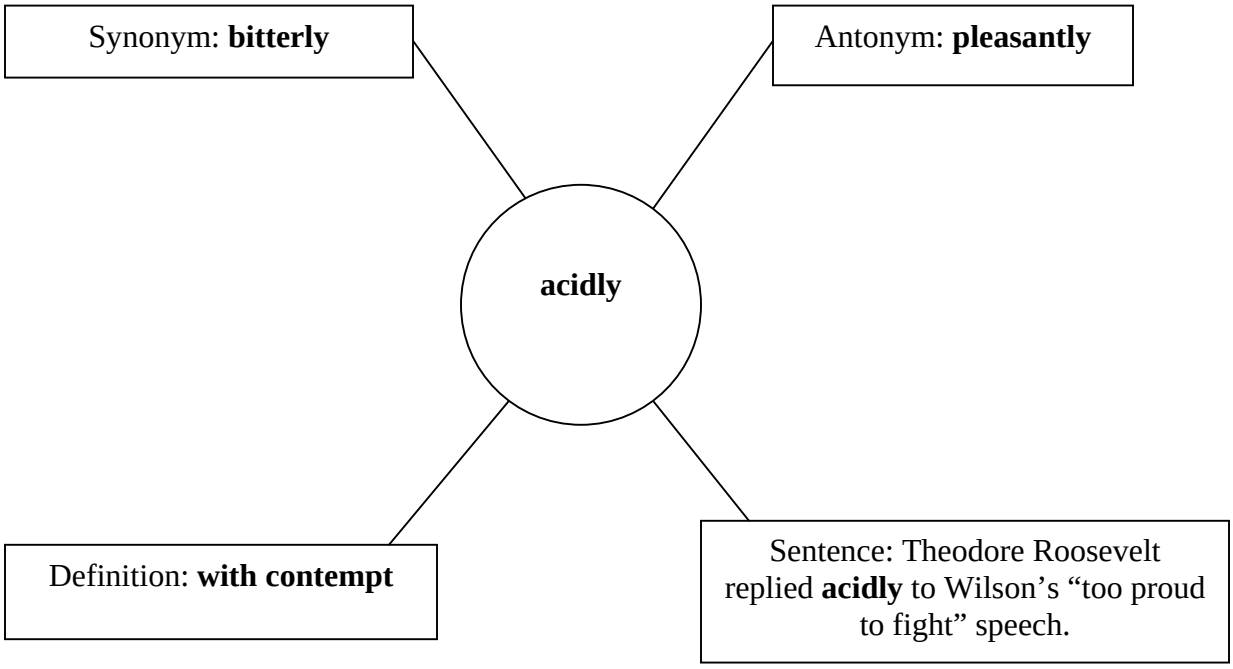
submission

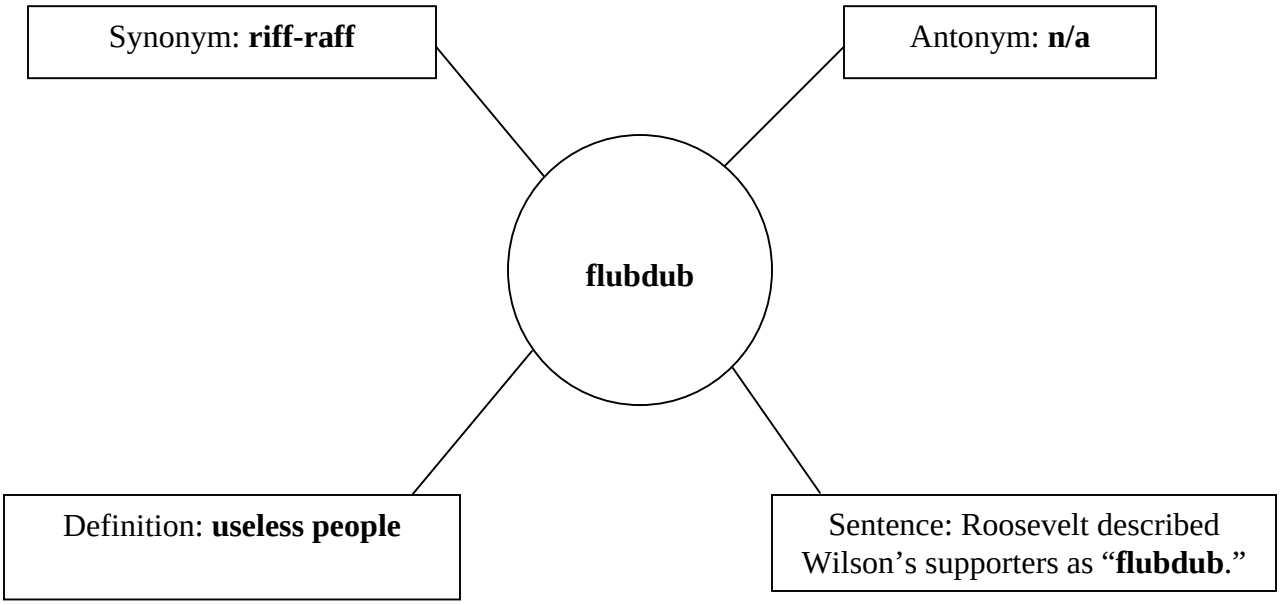
Definition: **submitting and surrendering**

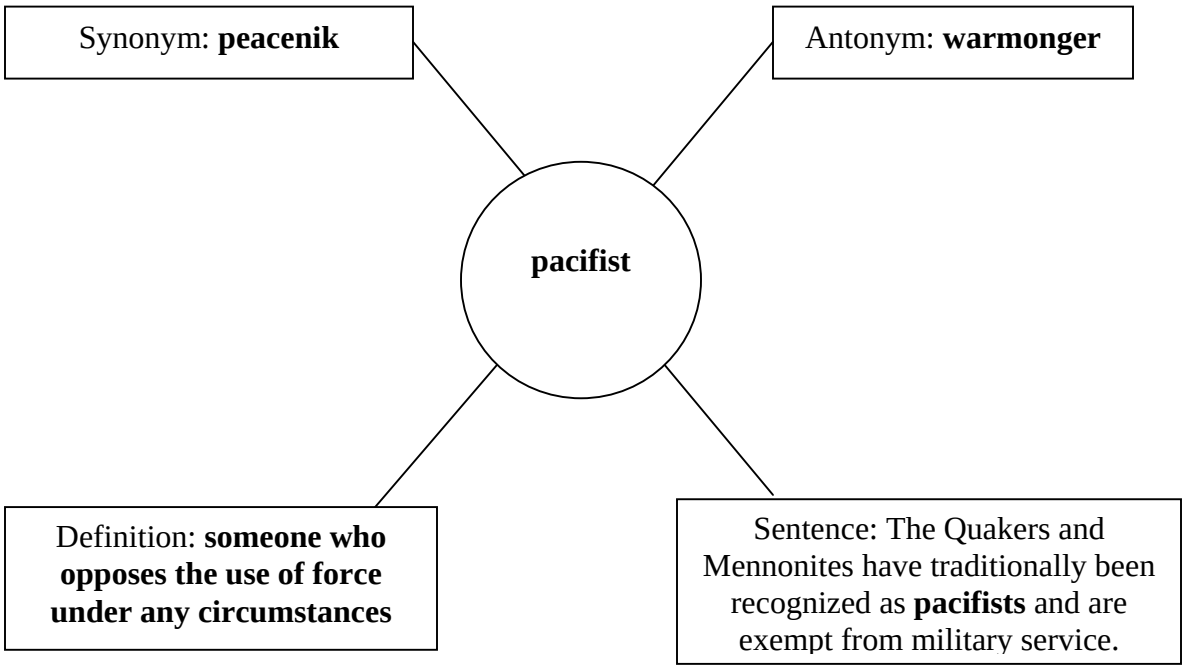
Sentence: Unconditional warfare was meant to starve entire populations into **submission**.

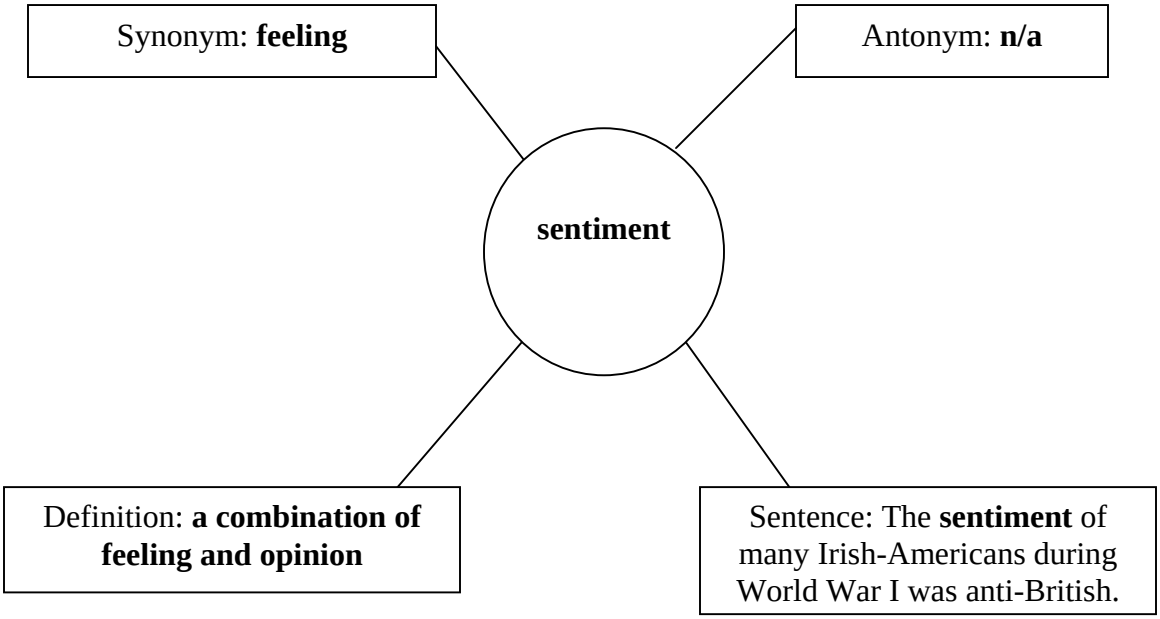

Synonym: **evil**
Antonym: **benign**
sinister
Definition: **threatening**
Sentence: Many regarded the sinking of the *Lusitania* as a **sinister** act.


Synonym: **conflict**
Antonym: **peace**
strife
Definition: **struggle**
Sentence: Woodrow Wilson wanted to keep America out of the war and avoid European **strife**.


Synonym: **bitterly**
Antonym: **pleasantly**
acidly
Definition: **with contempt**
Sentence: Theodore Roosevelt replied **acidly** to Wilson's "too proud to fight" speech.


Synonym: **riff-raff**
Antonym: **n/a**
flubdub
Definition: **useless people**
Sentence: Roosevelt described Wilson's supporters as "**flubdub**."


Synonym: **peacenik**
Antonym: **warmonger**
pacifist
Definition: **someone who opposes the use of force under any circumstances**
Sentence: The Quakers and Mennonites have traditionally been recognized as **pacifists** and are exempt from military service.


Synonym: **feeling**
Antonym: **n/a**
sentiment
Definition: **a combination of feeling and opinion**
Sentence: The **sentiment** of many Irish-Americans during World War I was anti-British.

Synonym: **independent**

Antonym: **subjugated**

sovereign

Definition: **supreme in power or rank**

Sentence: The German plot to help Mexico seize **sovereign** U.S. territory outraged Americans.

Synonym: **brought together**

Antonym: **dissolved**

convened

Definition: **to assemble for a meeting**

Sentence: President Wilson **convened** a joint session of Congress to ask for a declaration of war against Germany.

Synonym: **sank**

Antonym: **ascended**

descended

Definition: **to move down into a lower place**

Sentence: Russia **descended** into civil war in 1918.

Synonym: **truce**

Antonym: **declaration of war**

armistice

Definition: **a truce signed before a peace treaty**

Sentence: The **armistice** ending World War I was signed on November 11, 1918.