

Vocabulary in Guardian Article : Euro 2016: dozens arrested in Lille ...

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<https://www.theguardian.com/football/2016/jun/15/england-and-russia-fans-brawl-in-lille-at-euro-2016>

clamp down on sth *phrasal verb*

to take strong action to stop or limit a harmful or unwanted activity
The government is clamping down on teenage drinking.

counterpart *noun* [C]

a person or thing which has the same purpose as another one in a different place or organization

The Prime Minister is to meet his European counterparts to discuss the war against drugs.

echo *noun* [C] *plural* **echoes** **SIMILAR DETAIL**

2. a detail that is similar to and makes you remember something else
*There are echoes **of** Mozart in her first piano compositions.*

enable *verb* [T]

to make someone able to do something, or to make something possible
[+ to infinitive] *Computerization should enable us **to** cut production costs by half.*

flare *verb* **GET WORSE**

2. [I] (ALSO **flare up**) When something bad such as violence, pain or anger flares (up), it suddenly starts or gets much worse

Violence flared up again last night.

***Tempers** flared after a three-hour delay at Gatwick Airport yesterday.*

flare *noun* **BRIGHTNESS**

1. [C] a sudden increase in the brightness of a fire

There was a sudden flare when she threw the petrol onto the fire.

2. [C] a very bright light or coloured smoke which can be used as a signal, or a device which produces this

We set off a flare to help guide our rescuers.

hang back *phrasal verb*

to be slow to do something, often because of fear or having no confidence
There's no need to hang back - you can sing as well as anyone.

head off *phrasal verb*

to start a journey or leave a place
What time are you heading off?

hooligan *noun* [C]

a person who acts in a violent way without thinking and causes damage
Hooligans had sprayed paint all over the car.

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in hot pursuit

following someone closely, trying hard to catch them

The gang drove off, with the police in hot pursuit.

hurl *verb* [T]

1. to throw something with a lot of force, usually in an angry or violent way

*In a fit of temper he hurled the book **across** the room.*

*Youths hurled stones **at** the soldiers.*

2. **hurl abuse/insults, etc. at sb**

to shout insults or rude language at someone angrily

I wasn't going to stand there while he hurled abuse at me!

knack *noun* [S]

a skill or an ability to do something easily and well

*a knack **for** remembering faces*

*She **has** the knack **of** mak **ing** people feel comfortable.*

*There's **a** knack **to** us **ing** this corkscrew.*

mar *verb* [T] **-rr-** SLIGHTLY FORMAL

to spoil something, making it less perfect or less enjoyable

Sadly, the text is marred by careless errors.

*It was a really nice day, marred **only** by a little argument in the car on the way home.*

*I hope the fact that Louise isn't coming won't mar **your enjoyment of** the evening.*

propeller *noun* [C] (INFORMAL **prop**)

a device which causes a ship or aircraft to move, consisting of two or more blades which turn round at high speed

quell /kwel/ *verb* [T]

to stop something, especially by using force

*Police in riot gear were called in to quell the **disturbances/unrest** .*

*This latest setback will have done nothing to quell the growing **doubts** about the future of the club.*

roam *verb* [I + adv/prep T]

to move about or travel, especially without a clear idea of what you are going to do

*After the pubs close, gangs of youths roam the city **streets** .*

*She roamed **around** America for a year, working in bars and restaurants.*

skirmish *noun* [C]

1. a fight between a small number of soldiers which is usually short and not planned, and which happens away from the main area of fighting in a war

2. a short argument or fight

*There was a **short** skirmish **between** the political party leaders when the government announced it was to raise taxes.*

urge *verb* [I or T]

to strongly advise or try to persuade someone to do a particular thing

[+ to infinitive] *Lawyers will urge the parents **to** take further legal action.*

[+ that] *Investigators urged **that** safety procedures at the site should be improved.*

Police urged continued vigilance in the fight against crime.

*The dogs are urged **into** fighting more fiercely by loud shouts from the crowd.*

*We shall continue to urge **for** leniency to be shown to these prisoners.*