

- 45 LEVEL flat plain even smooth  
 46 INSIPID vapid flat jejune banal inane  
 21 DIRTY filthy foul nasty squalid  
 22 OLD ancient venerable antique antiquated archaic obsolete  
 23 TRITE hackneyed stereotyped threadbare  
 24 RUDE rough crude raw  
 25 IGNORANT illiterate unlettered untutored unlearned  
 26 SPECIAL especial specific particular individual  
 27 INDIFFERENT unconcerned incurious alone detached disinterested  
 28 FREE independent autonomous sovereign  
 29 BASE low vile  
 30 CHOICE exquisite elegant rare delicate dainty  
 31 LAZY indolent slothful  
 32 LATENT dormant quiescent potential  
 33 FAIR just equitable impartial unbiased dispassionate objective  
 34 DULL blunt obtuse  
 35 FUTILE vain fruitless  
 36 BLUFF brunt brusque curt crusty gruff  
 37 PLASTIC pliable pliant ductile malleable adaptable

## THE ODD HOMONYM ATTACK – A NEW FIGURE OF SPEECH

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Not to be confused with the classical *ad hominem* attack, our new *odd homonym* attack consists of replacing the target's actual name with an unflattering homonym. Here are few examples.

For anyone not a fan of the late Walter Cronkite, the surname can be changed to *Krankheit*, the German word for *sickness, illness, or disease* (the opposite of *Gesundheit*).

Any excessively complaining individual surnamed *Weiner* can be referred to instead as (a) *Whiner*.

To suggest that a certain *Mr. Connor* is dishonest, he can be referred to as *Mr. Conner* (i.e. one who cons).

The read is encouraged to suggest additional examples to expand this category.