Flourish: to make a showy gesture

Fred reached in his shirt pocket and with a smile and a flourish, held out a check.

Strut: to walk with a lofty proud gait

She told him not to strut around because it made him look silly.

Slouch: to assume a drooping posture or carriage

Sit up straight. Please don't slouch.

Hoax: something intended to deceive

The bomb threat is probably a hoax, but we should still evacuate the building.

Variant: something a little different from others of the same type

A new variant of the disease has appeared.

Serenade: to sing and play for somebody

He serenaded her from the garden below her window.

Amok: wildly; without self-control

She returned to the classroom to find an escaped snake and her students running amok.

Trek: to make a long and difficult journey

We had to trek up six flights of stairs with our groceries.

Veer: to turn sharply; change direction abruptly

The car started to veer off the slippery road.

Stifle: to smother or suppress

I had to stifle the desire to yell “Stop!”.

Gape: to look with amazement

She suddenly realized she had been gaping at the good-looking waiter instead of giving him her order

Hoist: to raise

The cargo was hoisted up onto the ship.

Antic: a crazy or ridiculous act done for fun and amusement

We laughed at the kitten's antics.

Blithe: happy, joyous or carefree

Although Marcia seems to have a blithe attitude about her job, she is really concerned about moving up at her firm.

Exotic: strikingly strange or unusual