Vocabulary

trotted to go along quickly

decency a standard of proper behavior

pry to open or part something using leverage

exposed to make open to an action or influence

lopped to cut branches or twigs from a tree

posse a number of people organized to make a search (as for a lost child)

serrated notched or toothed on the edge

blunt abrupt in speech or manner

fulcrum the support about which a lever turns

wry expressing irony