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- (B) recently cleaned and tidy
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- (B) casual acquaintances
- (C) troublesome but harmless people
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- (A) extremely good or excellent
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13. The car drove in a **zig-zag** to avoid obstacles.

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15. She wore a pair of **flip-flops** to the beach because it was very hot.

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i **to make-do:** to manage with what is available

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i **tip-top:** in excellent or perfect condition (mainly UK, informal)

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i wishy-washy: weak, indecisive, lacking conviction, insipid

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i **mumbo-jumbo**: meaningless or confusing talk

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i **nitty-gritty**: the basic facts and important details of a situation:

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