

idiom get into one's clutches, get one's hands (or paws) on, lay hold (on or of)
con free, loose, release
3 to affect especially as if by laying hold of <was seized with a coughing fit>
syn catch, strike, take
rel overtake; afflict

seizure *n* **syn** ATTACK **3**, access, fit, spell, throe, turn

rel convulsion; breakdown

seldom *adv* in few instances <she seldom writes home anymore>

syn hardly ever, infrequently, little, rarely, unfrequently, no often

rel occasionally; semioccasionally; irregularly, sporadically; hardly, scarcely

idiom once in a blue moon

con regularly; frequently; usually

ant often

seldom *adj* **syn** INFREQUENT, few, occasional, rare, scarce, semioccasional, sporadic, uncommon, unfrequent

select *adj* **1** singled out from a number or group by fitness or preference <this hotel caters to a select clientele>

syn chosen, elect, exclusive, pick, picked, selected

rel culled, screened, weeded (out), winnowed (out); favored, preferred; best, elite

con random; indiscriminate; average, commonplace, mediocre, run-of-the-mill

2 syn CHOICE, dainty, delicate, elegant, exquisite, rare, recherché, superior

rel blue-chip, fine; best; top

3 syn ECLECTIC **1**, discriminating, selective

select *vb* **syn** CHOOSE **1**, cull, elect, mark, opt (for), optate, pick, prefer, single (out), take

idiom make a choice (or selection)

con ignore, pass (over); drop

ant reject

selected *adj* **syn** SELECT **1**, chosen, elect, exclusive, pick, picked

rel singled (out); appointed, tagged, tapped

selection *n* **syn** CHOICE **1**, alternative, ||druthers, election, option, preference

rel choosing, culling, draft, drafting, picking; acumen, discernment, discrimination, insight

ant rejection

selective *adj* **syn** ECLECTIC **1**, discriminating, select

rel particular, scrupulous

self-abandoned *adj* **syn** ABANDONED **2**, dissolute, licentious, profligate, reprobate, unprincipled

self-abnegating *adj* **syn** SELF-SACRIFICING, self-denying, self-giving, self-renouncing

self-abnegation *n* **syn** RENUNCIATION, abnegation, denial, renouncement, self-denial, self-renunciation

rel abandonment, relinquishment, resignation

self-absorbed *adj* **syn** EGOCENTRIC **2**, egoistic, egomaniacal, egotistic, self-centered, self-concerned, self-interested, self-involved, selfish, self-serving

rel arrogant, cocky, self-important

self-abuse *n* **syn** SELF-REPROACH, self-accusation, self-criticism, self-recrimination, self-reproof

self-accusation *n* **syn** SELF-REPROACH, self-abuse, self-criticism, self-recrimination, self-reproof

self-admiration *n* **syn** CONCEIT **2**, amour propre, conceitedness, narcissism, self-conceit, self-esteem, self-glory, self-love, vainglory, vainness

self-asserting *adj* **syn** PRESUMPTUOUS, forward, overweening, presuming, pushful, pushing, ||pushy, self-assertive, uppish, uppity

rel aggressive, militant

con meek, modest, unassuming; docile, passive

ant self-effacing

self-assertive *adj* **1 syn** AGGRESSIVE, assertive, assertory, militant, pushful, pushing, pushy

rel impertinent, intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive, officious; audacious, bold; cocksure, sure

2 syn PRESUMPTUOUS, forward, overweening, presuming, pushful, pushing, ||pushy, self-asserting, uppish, uppity

self-assurance *n* **syn** CONFIDENCE **2**, aplomb, assurance, self-assuredness, self-confidence, self-trust

rel collectedness, coolness, imperturbability; composure, equanimity, sangfroid

con insecurity, uncertainty

self-assured *adj* **syn** CONFIDENT **1**, assured, sanguine, secure, self-confident, undoubtful

rel self-satisfied, smug

self-assuredness *n* **syn** CONFIDENCE **2**, aplomb, assurance, self-assurance, self-confidence, self-trust

self-centered *adj* **1 syn** SELF-SUFFICIENT, closed, independent, self-contained, self-sufficing, self-supported, self-supporting, self-sustained, self-sustaining

2 syn EGOCENTRIC **2**, egoistic, egomaniacal, egotistic, self-absorbed, self-concerned, self-interested, self-involved, self-serving

idiom wrapped up in oneself

self-centeredness *n* **syn** SELFISHNESS, self-concern, self-hood, self-interest, self-regard, self-seeking

self-command *n* **syn** WILL **3**, discipline, self-control, self-discipline, self-government, self-mastery, self-restraint, willpower

rel self-containment, uncommunicativeness

self-complacency *n* **syn** CONCEIT **2**, amour propre, complacency, conceitedness, consequence, egoism, egotism, narcissism, pride, vainglory

self-complacent *adj* **syn** COMPLACENT, priggish, self-contented, self-pleased, self-satisfied, smug

self-composed *adj* **syn** CALM **2**, collected, composed, easy, placid, poised, possessed, self-possessed, serene, tranquil

self-conceit *n* **syn** CONCEIT **2**, amour propre, conceitedness, egoism, egotism, narcissism, self-admiration, self-esteem, self-love, self-opinion

self-conceited *adj* **syn** VAIN **3**, conceited, ||conceity, narcissistic, stuck-up, vainglorious

self-concern *n* **syn** SELFISHNESS, self-centeredness, self-hood, self-interest, self-regard, self-seeking

self-concerned *adj* **syn** EGOCENTRIC **2**, egoistic, egomaniacal, egotistic, self-absorbed, self-centered, self-interested, self-involved, selfish, self-serving

self-confidence *n* **syn** CONFIDENCE **2**, aplomb, assurance, self-assurance, self-assuredness, self-trust

rel sanguineness, sureness; cockiness, overconfidence

syn synonym(s) **rel** related word(s)

idiom idiomatic equivalent(s) **con** contrasted word(s)

ant antonym(s) *** vulgar**

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