













Word of the Day  
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DAY	DATE	WORD	DEFINTION, WORD-IN-CONTEXT, SYNONYMS
TUESDAY	January 9, 2024	<b>chicanery</b> (n.) 	<p><b>*clever deception through the use of misleading or confusing words or acts</b></p> <p>*Suspect some kind of <b>chicanery</b> if the offer seems too good to be true.</p> <p>*syn.: deceit; duplicity; subterfuge; fraud</p>
WEDNESDAY	January 10, 2024	<b>contentious</b> (adj.)	<p><b>*causing or marked by argument or conflict</b></p> <p>*Politics is a <b>contentious</b> subject in our house because my father is a Democrat and my mom's a Republican.</p> <p>*syn.: antagonistic; belligerent; aggressive; combative</p>
THURSDAY	January 11, 2024	<b>dissemble</b> (v.)	<p><b>*to conceal with an intent to deceive</b></p> <p>*Rather than answer the reporter's questions directly, the politician chose to <b>dissemble</b> his responses.</p> <p>*syn.: feign; deceive; sham</p>
FRIDAY	January 12, 2024	<p><b>A sixth sense</b> (informal)</p> 	<p><b>*an intuitive reaction or understanding that can't be explained logically</b></p> <p>*In my experience, not everything can be explained rationally. For example, twins often report having a <b>sixth sense</b> about each other—even if they are far apart.</p> <p>*syn.: instinct; clairvoyance; prescience</p>
MONDAY	January 15, 2024	<b>XXXX</b>	<b>MLK Holiday</b>
TUESDAY	January 16, 2024	<b>execrate</b> (v.)	<p><b>*to utterly abhor; to denounce as detestable</b></p> <p>*History can provide examples of countries once <b>execrated</b> as enemies who are later accepted as allies.</p> <p>*syn.: condemn; vilify; loathe; revile</p>
WEDNESDAY	January 17, 2024	<b>fealty</b> (n.)	<p><b>*faithfulness; allegiance</b></p> <p>*The knights of the Round Table pledged <b>fealty</b> to King Arthur.</p> <p>*syn.: loyalty; fidelity</p>

THURSDAY	January 18, 2024	<b>pecuniary</b> (adj.) 	<b>*having to do with money</b> *The interests of the founders of the food co-op are more idealistic than <b>pecuniary</b> . *syn.: fiscal; financial; monetary; commercial
FRIDAY	January 19, 2024  <b>IDIOM OF THE DAY</b>	<b>let someone off the hook</b> (informal)	<b>*release someone from responsibility; escape from a difficult situation</b> *I promised my mother weeks ago that I'd help her clean out the garage this Saturday, and unfortunately, there's no way she'll <b>let me off the hook</b> . *syn.: reprieve; excuse
MONDAY	January 22, 2024	<b>stratagem</b> (n.)	<b>*a clever scheme for gaining an end</b> *Lin's asking Tina to go to the movies was a <b>stratagem</b> to give us time to plan for Tina's surprise birthday party. *syn.: scheme; tactic; maneuver
TUESDAY	January 23, 2024	<b>vendetta</b> (n.)	<b>*a blood feud; a prolonged and bitter feud; an extended revenge taking</b> *It took the deaths of Romeo and Juliet to end the <b>vendetta</b> between the Montagues and the Capulets. *syn.: feud; enmity; strife; dissonance
WEDNESDAY	January 24, 2024	<b>actuate</b> (v.)	<b>*1. to cause to put into mechanical motion</b> *A thermostat is <b>actuated</b> by changes of temperature. *syn.: activate; initiate; trigger <b>*2. to cause to take action</b> *Telecasts of the grievances of Native American women <b>actuated</b> Wilma Mankiller, a Cherokee, to return to Oklahoma where she became the tribe's first female chief. *syn.: motivate; arouse; incite; impel
THURSDAY	January 25, 2024	<b>brackish</b> (adj.)	<b>*1. made up of a mixture of fresh water and seawater.</b> *Crabs live in the <b>brackish</b> waters of the estuary. *syn.: briny; salty <b>*2. having an unpleasant taste</b> *The coffee had been brewed hours before and was now so <b>brackish</b> that it was undrinkable. *syn.: unsavory; unpalatable
FRIDAY	January 26, 2024	<b>a red flag</b>	<b>*a warning sign or signal</b>



			<p>*I should have realized that the rent on the apartment was too good to be true, but I overlooked the <b>red flags</b> in the advertisement.</p> <p>*syn.: alarm; forewarning; admonition; alert; urge</p>
MONDAY	January 29, 2024	<b>dolorous</b> (adj.)	<p>*<b>causing or marked by pain, misery, or sorrow</b></p> <p>*Mexican artist Frida Kahlo used graphic imagery to express grief in her <b>dolorous</b> self-portrait.</p> <p>*syn.: morose; forlorn; doleful; mournful</p>
TUESDAY	January 30, 2024	<b>endemic</b> (adj.)	<p>*<b>widespread or peculiar to a certain place or among a certain people</b></p> <p>*Malaria is <b>endemic</b> to the tropics.</p> <p>*syn.: indigenous; prevalent</p>
WEDNESDAY	January 31, 2024	<b>fecund</b> (adj.)	<p>*<b>1. producing or capable of producing many offspring</b></p> <p>*Zebrafish are highly <b>fecund</b>; each female is capable of laying 200 eggs per clutch.</p> <p>*syn.: prolific; fertile; lush</p> <p>*<b>2. intellectually or artistically productive; creative</b></p> <p>*Bach was a <b>fecund</b> composer, and among his many works are some 300 sacred cantatas.</p> <p>*syn.: cerebral; innovative; ingenious</p>
THURSDAY	February 01, 2024	<b>insidious</b> (adj.) 	<p>*<b>1. seemingly harmless while actually being dangerous; treacherous or deceptive</b></p> <p>*The woman on the Dublin street appeared harmless but actually was an <b>insidious</b> informer for the enemy in Ireland's civil war.</p> <p>*syn.: cunning; deceitful; clandestine; covert</p> <p>*<b>2. spreading harmfully in a subtle or gradual way</b></p> <p>*Watching too much television has an <b>insidious</b> effect on the minds of young children.</p> <p>*syn.: furtively; perilous; adverse</p>
FRIDAY	February 02, 2024	<b>change of heart</b> (informal) 	<p>*<b>a change in attitude or preference</b></p> <p>*When I was in high school, I couldn't wait to go to a university far away from home, but I had a <b>change of heart</b> during the pandemic and decided to apply to schools close to home.</p> <p>*syn.: reversal; revision; revise</p>
MONDAY	February 05, 2024	<b>egregious</b> (adj.)	<p>*<b>conspicuously bad; flagrant</b></p> <p>*He is an <b>egregious</b> liar, and I would not be surprised if he lied about everything.</p> <p>*syn.: atrocious; heinous; intolerable; appalling</p>
TUESDAY	February 06, 2024	<b>rectitude</b> (n.)	* <b>high moral character</b>




			<p>*The teen's love of reckless pranks is not a reflection of his <b>rectitude</b>.</p> <p>*syn.: integrity; principle; decency; probity</p>
WEDNESDAY	February 07, 2024	<b>cognitive</b> (adj.)	<p><b>*relating to mental processes such as awareness, remembering, reasoning</b></p> <p>*A person's <b>cognitive</b> skills can be evaluated using psychological tests.</p> <p>*syn.: discernible; corporeal; rational</p>
THURSDAY	February 08, 2024	<b>interloper</b> (n.)	<p><b>*someone who intrudes on or interferes in the affairs of others</b></p> <p>*The locals considered the tourists <b>interlopers</b> and resented their interactions.</p> <p>*syn.: trespasser; encroacher; meddler</p>
FRIDAY	February 09, 2024	<p>rock the boat (informal)</p> 	<p><b>*behave in a way that could cause problems or upset people</b></p> <p>*There was much drama in my office a few months ago, but things have really calmed down recently. I'm hesitant to do anything that might <b>rock the boat</b>.</p> <p>*syn.: dissent; disturb; challenge</p>
MONDAY	February 12, 2024	<b>precursor</b> (n.)	<p><b>*a person or thing that comes before and indicates the approach of another; a forerunner</b></p> <p>*Aching muscles can be the <b>precursor</b> of a bout of the flu.</p> <p>*syn.: harbinger; progenitor; predecessor; trailblazer; forerunner</p>
TUESDAY	February 13, 2024	<b>presentiment</b> (n.)	<p><b>*a feeling something is about to happen</b></p> <p>*When the telephone rang, I had a <b>presentiment</b> that Uncle Jack had bad news.</p> <p>*syn.: premonition; foreboding</p>
WEDNESDAY	February 14, 2024	<b>ramification</b> (n.)	<p><b>*an outgrowth of a simple idea or plan; a resulting development or consequence</b></p> <p>*Have they considered the <b>ramifications</b> of moving to another school district?</p> <p>*syn.: consequence; implication; impact; result</p>
THURSDAY	February 15, 2024	<p><b>torpor</b> (n.)</p> 	<p><b>*a state of mental or physical sluggishness or inactivity</b></p> <p>*Extreme heat often induces <b>torpor</b> in those uncustomed to the tropics.</p> <p>*syn.: lethargy; languor; weariness; fatigue; enervation</p>
FRIDAY	February 16, 2024	<p>see the writing on the wall (very informal; used in speaking)</p>	<p><b>*understand something (negative) clearly, usually an unspoken meaning</b></p>

			<p>*No one told him he would be fired, but he could <b>see the writing on the wall</b>.</p> <p>*syn.: portent; harbinger; omen; foreshadowing</p>
MONDAY	February 19, 2024	<b>abjure</b> (v.)	<p>*<b>to renounce or give up formally</b></p> <p>*Galileo was forced by the Catholic Church to <b>abjure</b> his belief that Earth circled the sun.</p> <p>*syn.: renounce; disavow; repudiate</p>
TUESDAY	February 20, 2024	<b>amorphous</b> (adj.)	<p>*<b>without a definite shape, boundary, or character</b></p> <p>*The amoeba's lack of a fixed structure gives it an <b>amorphous</b> shape.</p> <p>*syn.: nebulous; obscure; formless; inchoate</p>
WEDNESDAY	February 21, 2024	<b>dichotomy</b> (n.)	<p>*<b>division into two distinct parts or groups</b></p> <p>*She argues that moral relativism blurs the <b>dichotomy</b> between good and evil.</p> <p>*syn.: chasm; polarity; divergent</p>
THURSDAY	February 22, 2024	<b>herculean</b> (adj.) 	<p>*<b>of extraordinary size, power, or difficulty</b></p> <p>*Plowing the city streets after the blizzard of 1996 was a <b>herculean</b> task.</p> <p>*syn.: arduous; onerous; colossal; gargantuan</p>
FRIDAY	February 23, 2024 	<b>make light of</b> (formal or informal)	<p>*<b>joke about; not take seriously</b></p> <p>*I think it's very important to have a sense of humor about things—it's actually one of the traits I most appreciate in a person. But there are definitely some things that are too serious to be <b>made light of</b>, and it's important to recognize what they are.</p> <p>*syn.: downplay; trivialize; devalue</p>
MONDAY	February 26, 2024	<b>nefarious</b> (adj.)	<p>*<b>very wicked</b></p> <p>*The <b>nefarious</b> practice of enforced of child labor is rampant in many poor countries.</p> <p>*syn.: heinous; abhorrent; vile; depraved; iniquitous</p>
TUESDAY	February 27, 2024	<b>nihilism</b> (n.)	<p>*<b>a viewpoint that denies any meaning or value to life</b></p> <p>*His cynicism was so extreme that it bordered on <b>nihilism</b>.</p> <p>*syn.: denial; renunciation; abnegation</p>
WEDNESDAY	February 28, 2024	<b>ratify</b> (v.)	<p>*<b>to approve, confirm, or verify</b></p> <p>*In a citywide referendum, voters <b>ratified</b> the ban on smoking in restaurants.</p>



			*syn.: endorse; formalize; sanction
THURSDAY	February 29, 2024	<b>abrogate</b> (v.)	<p><b>*to put an end to; to abolish or repeal</b></p> <p>*Often, one of the first acts of a dictator is to <b>abrogate</b> the powers of the press.</p> <p>*syn.: revoke; rescind; nullify; eradicate</p>
FRIDAY	March 01, 2024  <b>IDIOM OF THE DAY</b>	<b>wait for the other shoe to drop</b> (informal)	<p><b>*waiting for an expected or inevitable (negative) event to occur</b></p> <p>*Rents have been rising really quickly in my city. I've been lucky in that my landlord has traditionally kept things affordable, but the building was recently sold. The new owners are doing all sorts of renovations and upgrades, and now I am just <b>waiting for the other shoe to drop</b> (waiting for rents to increase).</p> <p>*syn.: anticipate; await</p>
MONDAY	March 04, 2024	<b>venerable</b> (adj.)	<p><b>*given a great deal of respect, especially because of age, wisdom, or character</b></p> <p>*The president was a <b>venerable</b> old man, full of wisdom and with a gracious manner.</p> <p>*syn.: august; respected; venerated; revered; honorable</p>
TUESDAY	March 05, 2024	<b>decry</b> (v.)	<p><b>*to criticize strongly; to denounce</b></p> <p>*Many citizens of the world still <b>decry</b> the failure of stronger nations to intervene in the genocidal civil war that, in the 1990s, raged in Rwanda, Africa.</p> <p>*syn.: criticize; censure; belittle</p>
WEDNESDAY	March 06, 2024	<b>leviathan</b> (n.) 	<p><b>*anything that is of enormous size</b></p> <p>*The cruise ship was a <b>leviathan</b> with luxury accommodations for over two thousand passengers.</p> <p>*syn.: colossal; humongous; mammoth; goliath</p>
THURSDAY	March 07, 2024	<b>mawkish</b> (adj.)	<p><b>*excessively sentimental</b></p> <p>*Because today's greeting-card verses are so <b>mawkish</b>, I often select a humorous one instead.</p> <p>*syn.: maudlin; cloying; saccharine; overemotional</p>
FRIDAY	March 08, 2024  <b>IDIOM OF THE DAY</b>	<b>walking on eggshells</b> (informal)	<p><b>*behave very cautiously in order to not anger / bother someone who is easily upset</b></p> <p>*My living situation is a little awkward right now. Two of my housemates had an argument several weeks ago, and everyone has been <b>walking on eggshells</b> around them since then.</p> <p>*syn.: avoiding; wary; heedful</p>









MON.-FRI.	March 11-15, 2024	XXXX	SPRING HOLIDAY
MONDAY	March 18, 2024	<b>misapprehend</b> (v.) <b>misapprehension</b> (n.)	<b>*to fail to understand correctly</b> *So that no one <b>misapprehends</b> the conditions of the agreement, let's put them in writing. *syn.: misinterpret; misconstrue
TUESDAY	March 19, 2024	<b>recourse</b> (n.)	<b>*1. a turning to someone or something for aid</b> *You have no other <b>recourse</b> than to speak to the police. <b>*2. a source of help or support</b> *Reading was his usual <b>recourse</b> during period of insomnia. *syn.: option; resort; refuge
WEDNESDAY	March 20, 2024	<b>replete</b> (adj.)	<b>*well-supplied; full</b> *His memoir is <b>replete</b> with amusing anecdotes. *syn.: copious; abound; overflowing; abundant; plenteous
THURSDAY	March 21, 2024	<b>waive</b> (v.)	<b>*to give up as a right; to forgo</b> *The town <b>waived</b> a portion of property taxes for senior citizens. *syn.: relinquish; cede; concede
FRIDAY	March 22, 2024  <b>IDIOM OF THE DAY</b>	let something slide (very informal)	<b>*overlook a (minor) wrongdoing</b> *I have a bad habit of forgetting my family members' birthdays. Usually, they <b>let it slide</b> , but last year my sister was very angry with me when I forgot to take her to lunch to celebrate. *syn.: neglect; overlook; disregard; ignore
MONDAY	March 25, 2024	<b>enervate</b> (v.)	<b>*to lessen the vigor or strength of; to enfeeble</b> *Sitting too long in the hot whirlpool at her health club <b>enervated</b> my cousin. *syn.: exhaust; fatigue; devitalize; prostrate
TUESDAY	March 26, 2024	<b>epicure</b> (n.) 	<b>*one with discriminating taste, especially but not exclusively relating to good food and drink.</b> * <b>Epicures</b> gathered at Le Crillon in Paris to name the chef of the year. *syn.: gourmet; connoisseur
WEDNESDAY	March 27, 2024	<b>exculpate</b> (v.)	<b>*to clear from alleged guilt or fault</b> *Through her diligence and knowledge of the law, the young attorney <b>exculpated</b> the defendant. *syn.:
THURSDAY	March 28, 2024	<b>heterogeneous</b> (adj.)	<b>*differing in kind or parts; varied</b> *The college students in this older neighborhood help make the community more <b>heterogeneous</b> . *syn.: diverse; disparate; diversified

FRIDAY	March 29, 2024	XXXX	GOOD FRIDAY HOLIDAY
MONDAY	April 01, 2024	XXXX	EASTER MONDAY
TUESDAY	April 02, 2024	infinitesimal (adj.)	<p><b>*extremely small size or quantity</b></p> <p>*Quarks are <b>infinitesimal</b> subatomic particles that make up protons and neutrons.</p> <p>*syn.: minute; minuscule; miniature</p>
WEDNESDAY	April 03, 2024	lateral (adj.)	<p><b>*of, at, from, or towards the side</b></p> <p>*The tree assumed a more upright form once some of the <b>lateral</b> branches were removed.</p> <p>*syn.: flank; slanting</p>
THURSDAY	April 04, 2024	<p>primeval (adj.)</p> 	<p><b>*of or relating to the earliest ages; primitive</b></p> <p>*The dinosaur whose bones we uncovered may have died in a <b>primeval</b> swamp a hundred million years ago.</p> <p>*syn.: prehistoric; antediluvian; primordial; primal</p>
FRIDAY	<p>April 05, 2024</p>  <p><b>IDIOM</b> <b>OF THE DAY</b></p>	<p><b>The status quo</b> (formal or informal)</p>	<p><b>*the accepted way of doing things</b></p> <p>*Politicians often gain popularity by positioning themselves as outsiders who rebel against <b>the status quo</b>.</p> <p>*syn.: routine; conventional</p>
MONDAY	April 08, 2024	quintessence (n.)	<p><b>*the best or most typical example</b></p> <p>*Ballet dancer Vastov Nijinsky (1890-1950) was said to be the <b>quintessence</b> of grace and beauty.</p> <p>*syn.: exemplar; epitome; embodiment; paragon</p>
TUESDAY	April 09, 2024	serrated (adj.)	<p><b>*having a saw-toothed or notched edge</b></p> <p>*The linden tree has <b>serrated</b> leaves.</p> <p>*syn.: jagged</p>
WEDNESDAY	April 10, 2024	veritable (adj.)	<p><b>*being, in fact, the thing named or described; literally so.</b></p> <p>*The sound system failed, making the concert a <b>veritable</b> disaster.</p> <p>*syn.: authentic; actual; utter</p>
THURSDAY	April 11, 2024	acumen (n.)	<p><b>*keenness of the mind; shrewdness</b></p> <p>*Ruth Bader Ginsberg's legal <b>acumen</b> led to her appointment to a position on the Supreme Court.</p> <p>*syn.: astuteness; acuity</p>
FRIDAY	<p>April 12, 2024</p>  <p><b>IDIOM</b> <b>OF THE DAY</b></p>	<p><b>look the other way</b> (formal or informal)</p>	<p><b>*deliberately ignore bad behavior</b></p> <p>*When celebrities or other people in high positions behave in ways that are inappropriate or even illegal, society often chooses to <b>look the other way</b>.</p> <p>*syn.: whitewash; disregard</p>



MONDAY	April 15, 2024	<b>askew</b> (adj.)	<b>*turned or twisted to one side; out of line</b> *The gate to the cow pasture had been knocked slightly <b>askew</b> and didn't close properly. *syn.: tilted; oblique; awry; misaligned; askance
TUESDAY	April 16, 2024	<b>chasten</b> (v.)	<b>*to correct or improve by disciplining; to cause to be more careful or restrained.</b> *The boy's parents <b>chastened</b> him for arriving home after his curfew. *syn.: admonish; berate; chide; tame; curb; subdue;
WEDNESDAY	April 17, 2024	<b>demarcation</b> (n.)	<b>*1. the act or process of setting a boundary; the boundary itself</b> *According to the 1953 armistice, the DMZ (Demilitarized Zone) is the <b>demarcation</b> between North Korea and South Korea. *syn.: bound; confine; delineate; barrier <b>*2. separation; distinction</b> *In the summer haze, there was no clear line of <b>demarcation</b> between sea and sky. *syn.: differentiation; discreteness
THURSDAY	April 18, 2024	<b>dictum</b> (n.)	<b>*a statement or pronouncement</b> *The gym instructor's <b>dictum</b> was "No pain, no gain." *syn.: assertion; mandate; edict; adage
FRIDAY	April 19, 2024 	<b>on a shoestring budget</b> (informal)	<b>*on a very tight budget; using very little money</b> *I'll admit that I enjoy staying in nice hotels now, but I actually think that some of our best vacations were planned <b>on a shoestring budget</b> . *syn.: minimal; scant
MONDAY	April 22, 2024	<b>erstwhile</b> (adj.)	<b>*of an earlier time; former</b> *My <b>erstwhile</b> companions have all gone their separate ways. *syn.: previous; quondam
TUESDAY	April 23, 2024	<b>forte</b> (n.)	<b>*an activity at which a person excels</b> *Tennessee Williams was a poet and short story writer, but his <b>forte</b> was playwriting. *syn.: aptitude; genius
WEDNESDAY	April 24, 2024	<b>nonplus</b> (v.)	<b>*to cause to be at a loss as to what to say or do next</b> *The guest's continuing reticence <b>nonplussed</b> the talk show host. *syn.: confused; bewildered; perplexed
THURSDAY	April 25, 2024	<b>peripatetic</b> (adj.) 	<b>*of or relating to going from place to place, especially on foot</b> *The <b>peripatetic</b> life of those in the military does not appeal to those who like living in one place. *syn.: nomadic; itinerant; ambulatory; wayfaring

FRIDAY	April 26, 2024 	<b>a dead-end job</b> (informal)	<b>*a job that does not offer any opportunity for advancement</b> *When I joined the company, I thought there would be room for me to grow, but after five years without a promotion, I feel as if I'm stuck in <b>a dead-end job</b> . *syn.: impasse; standstill
MONDAY	April 29, 2024	<b>sycophant</b> (n.)	<b>*one who uses flattery to win favor or to ingratiate him-or herself.</b> *the Emperor's <b>sycophants</b> would not dream of telling him the truth about his "new clothes." *syn.: toady; fawner; minion
TUESDAY	April 30, 2024	<b>vacuous</b> (adj.)	<b>*lacking intelligence or ideas; intellectual emptiness</b> *I couldn't wait to leave the dinner because of the <b>vacuous</b> conversation at the table. *syn.: inscrutable; impassive; insipid; vapid
WEDNESDAY	May 01, 2024	<b>wraith</b> (n.)	<b>*a shadowy or ghostlike figure</b> *In the film, a <b>wraith</b> appeared out of the mist, pointed an accusing finger, and then was gone. *syn.: specter; apparition; manifestation
THURSDAY	May 02, 2024	<b>cacophony</b> (n.)	<b>*harsh or jarring sound</b> *A <b>cacophony</b> of sirens heralded the approach of the fire engines. *syn.: dissonance; stridency; discordance; clamor; jangle
FRIDAY	May 03, 2024 	<b>a lost cause</b> (formal or informal)	<b>*a problem that cannot be fixed; something that should be given up on; hopeless undertaking</b> *It rained all weekend, so painting the house was <b>a lost cause</b> . *syn.: futile
MONDAY	May 06, 2024	<b>filial</b> (adj.)	<b>*of or relating to, or befitting a son or daughter</b> *The ancient Chinese philosopher Confucius taught the importance of cultivating virtues such as righteousness, integrity and <b>filial</b> piety. *syn.: dutiful; compliant; respectful; fraternal
TUESDAY	May 07, 2024	<b>fractious</b> (adj.)	<b>*tending to be troublesome; irritable and quarrelsome; difficult to control</b> *What may appear to be simply <b>fractious</b> behavior in a child may actually be a symptom of parental neglect. *syn.: cantankerous; recalcitrant; intractable; querulous; refractory
WEDNESDAY	May 08, 2024	<b>jocular</b> (adj.)	<b>*given to or characterized by joking; playful; jolly</b> *The children laughed with delight at the appearance of Santa Claus, with his <b>jocular</b> "Ho, Ho Ho!" *syn.: humorous; droll; jovial

			
THURSDAY	May 09, 2024	<b>parity</b> (n.)	<b>*equality of rank or value</b> *Lightning reflexes and superhero strength gave her <b>parity</b> with the vampires she met in combat. *syn.: equity; consistency; uniformity
FRIDAY	May 10, 2024 	<b>hardwired</b> (informal)	<b>*inborn or innate; occurring without thought; automatic</b> * Human beings are <b>hardwired</b> to interact and connect with others. *syn.: inherent; intrinsic
MONDAY	May 13, 2024	<b>supplicate</b> (v.)	<b>*to ask for humbly; to plead or beg</b> *The defendant <b>supplicated</b> the jury for compassion. *syn.: beseech; solicit; entreat; adjure
TUESDAY	May 14, 2024	<b>temporize</b> (v.)	<b>*to act evasively in order to achieve a compromise or to gain time</b> *Unwilling to vote the measure up or down, Congress <b>temporized</b> . *syn.: procrastinate; defer; balk
WEDNESDAY	May 15, 2024	<b>apprise</b> (v.)	<b>*to make aware of; to inform</b> *Marcia <b>apprised</b> her employer of her desire to leave at the end of the year. *syn.: disclose; divulge; enlighten
THURSDAY	May 16, 2024	<b>beatific</b> (adj.) 	<b>*marked by a joyful appearance; blissful</b> *The <b>beatific</b> expression of a child at play is captured in this series of photographs. *syn.: rapturous; serene; euphoric
FRIDAY	May 17, 2024 	<b>have an inkling</b> (informal)	<b>*have a vague or preliminary sense</b> *I think my boss might have an <b>inkling</b> that I'm behind on the project. *syn.: daresay; deem; surmise
MONDAY	May 20, 2024	<b>cogent</b> (adj.)	<b>*forceful, to the point, and convincing</b>

			*The reporter's <b>cogent</b> argument convinced the editor to give her the investigative assignment. *syn.: potent; pertinent; puissant
TUESDAY	May 21, 2024	<b>depraved</b> (adj.)	* <b>morally corrupt</b> *The story's villain was a wicked, greedy, and <b>depraved</b> criminal. *syn.: perverted; deviant; debased; reprobate; vile
WEDNESDAY	May 22, 2024	<b>discrete</b> (adj.) *Do not confuse "discrete" with "discreet."	* <b>unconnected to other parts; separate and distinct</b> *Sand is composed of tiny, <b>discrete</b> particles of rock. *syn.: detached; disjunct; individual
THURSDAY	May 23, 2024	<b>elucidate</b> (v.)	* <b>to make clear by explanation; to clarify</b> *The professor <b>elucidated</b> Bohr's theory so well that the structure of the atom became quite clear to the class. *syn.: illuminate; explicate; annotate; expound
FRIDAY	May 24, 2024	<b>XXXX</b>	<b>END of SEMESTER</b>



School is out for summer!  
Enjoy the sunshine, be safe, and have fun!