

Words, Words, Words!
Say What You Mean...Mean What You Say

June 2013 Vocabulary

1. Abstruse (adj) – Difficult to comprehend; obscure; profound
2. Beguile (v) – To deceive or trick; to mislead; charm
3. Calumny (n) – Slander; false and malicious accusation
4. Draconian (adj) – Extremely severe; harsh (as laws, codes)
5. Desultory (adj) – At random; rambling; digressing
6. Eschew (v) – To avoid; shun; abstain from
7. Fecund (adj) – Fertile; fruitful; productive
8. Harbinger (n) – A sign of things to come; forerunner
9. Invective (n) – Verbal abuse
10. Mendacious (adj) – Untruthful; habitually dishonest
11. Nascent (adj) – New; just coming into being; emerging; incipient
12. Pastiche (n) – Imitation of another artist's musical or literary style
13. Promontory (n) – A high ridge of land or rock that juts out
14. Quixotic (adj) – Overly idealistic; impractical; romantic
15. Redolent (adj) – Fragrant; having a pleasant odor
16. Voluble (adj) – Speaking much and easily; talkative; fluent; glib
17. Doldrums (n) – A condition of being sad, bored, or sluggish
18. Rescind (v) – To do away with; to cancel
19. Alacrity (n) – Promptness in responding
20. Fraught (adj) – Full of or accompanied by (usually followed by with)

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1. Rescind (v) – To cancel; to repeal
2. Vituperative (adj) – Abusive; scolding
3. Ebullient (adj) – Overflowing with enthusiasm; exhilarated
4. Elucidate (v) – To explain; to clarify
5. Imbue (v) – To wet thoroughly, saturate; dye; infuse; permeate
6. Malfeasance (n) – Wrongdoing or misconduct
7. Solvent (adj) – Able to pay one's debts; not bankrupt
8. Blandish (v) – To coax with flattery
9. Rebuff (v) – To reject, snub, repel; as a noun, a blunt rejection
10. Prescience (n) – Foresight; ability to see the future
11. Timorous (adj) – Timid; fearful about the future
12. Impecunious (adj) – Poor; penniless; lacking money
13. Indefatigable (adj) – Tireless, untiring; feeling no fatigue
14. Prosaic (adj) – Dull, commonplace; relating to prose
15. Parsimony (n) – Stinginess
16. Percipient (adj) – Acutely perceptive; perceiving keenly and readily
17. Ethereal (adj) – Light; heavenly; unearthly; delicate