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ROUND ONE

milieu



demarche

Noun

Day-marche

Def: a political step or initiative

“She has been a courageous critic of the regime, but the timing of her demarche was terrible”

ROUX

Def: flour and fat cooked together and used as to thicken sauces

“In Cajun cuisine, roux is made with bacon fat or oil instead of butter and dark brown in color, which lends much richness of flavor, albeit less thickening power.”



gnathonic

[na-thon-ik]

Def: deceitfully flattering; sycophantic

Origin: C17: from Latin gnathōnicus, from Gnathō, such a character in the Eunuchus, Roman comedy by Terence

“His gnathonic comments were flattering lies”

salutatorian

salu-ta-torian

Def: A salutatorian is a graduate who finished with the second highest rank in his or her class.

Being the salutatorian of your graduating class is a great honor.

ROUND TWO

escutcheon

is-cut-chen

1. a shield or emblem bearing a coat of arms.
2. a flat piece of metal for protection and often ornamentation, around a keyhole, door handle, or light switch.

The mansion on the Plaza Quiroga is a handsome stone structure of just two stories with an escutcheon on the wall and high windows

demagoguery

Dema-gog-ary

Def: impassioned appeals to the prejudices and emotions of the populace

“Demagoguery isn't based on reason, issues, and doing the right thing; it's based on stirring up fear and hatred to control people. For example, a politician who stirs up a fear of immigrants to distract from other issues is using demagoguery.”

sesquipedalian

,seskwəpəˈdālyən/

(of a word) polysyllabic; long.

"sesquipedalian surnames"

characterized by long words; long-winded.

"the sesquipedalian prose of scientific journals"

"More people know the sesquipedalian word

"antidisestablishmentarianism" than know what it means"



suffrutescent

(sŭf'roō-tēs'ənt)

Def: (botany) Slightly woody or shrubby at the base

avoirdupois

avordupoiz

Def: Avoirdupois is a system of measuring weight based on the fact that sixteen ounces are in a pound.

“The metric system is based on grams, and the avoirdupois system is based on pounds.”

ROUND THREE



ichthyophagist

Ick-thy-op-a-gist

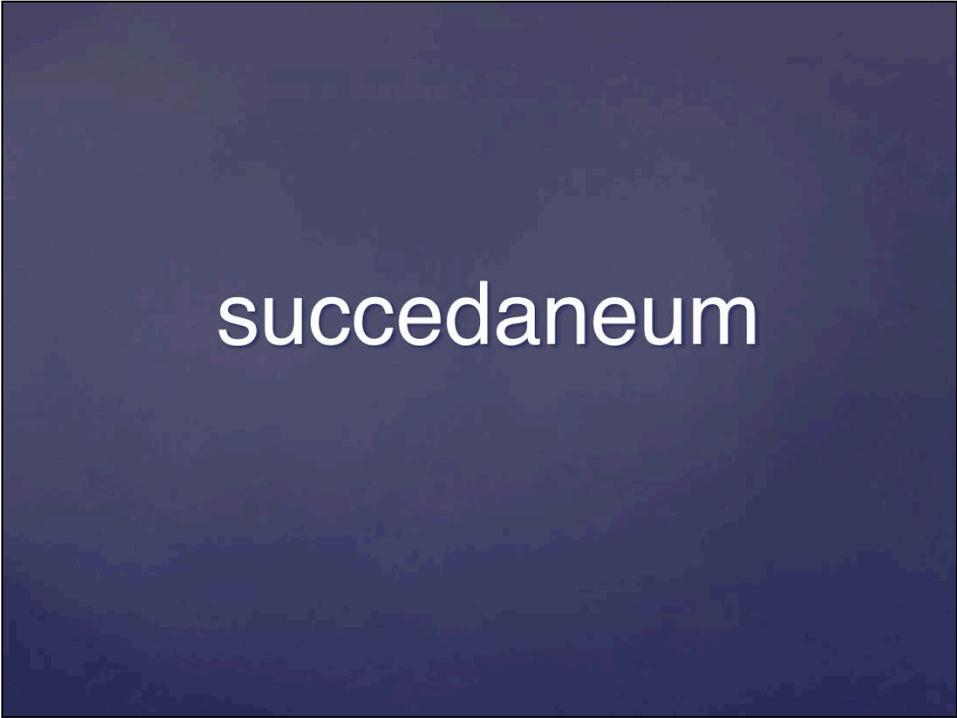
Def: a person who eats or subsists on fish.



gourmand

Gore-mand

Def: A gourmand is a person who takes great pleasure and interest in consuming good food and drink.



succedaneum

Sucks-a-day-nee-um

Def: (Medicine) something that is used as a substitute, esp any medical drug or agent that may be taken or prescribed in place of another

agglutination

Def:

3. Physiology The clumping together of red blood cells or bacteria, usually in response to a particular antibody.

4. Linguistics The formation of words from morphemes that retain their original forms and meanings with little change during the combination process.

baccalaureate

Def: An academic degree conferred by a college or university upon those who complete the undergraduate curriculum. Also called a bachelor's degree.

ROUND FOUR

tintinnabulation

tin·tin·nab·u·la·tion

Def: Tintinnabulation is the lingering sound of a ringing bell that occurs after the bell has been struck

“the tiny tintinnabulation, faint as fairy bells”



septuagenarian

Sep-too-a-gen-arian

Def: A person who is between 70 and 79 years old.



chiaroscurist

Kiar-a-scurist

Def: an artist who specializes in chiaroscuro, which is a pictorial representation in terms of light and shade without regard to color

scherenschnitte

share-an-Sch-NIT

Def: the art of cutting paper into decorative designs



coryza

Cor-eye-za

Def: irritation and inflammation of the mucous membrane inside the nose. Common symptoms are a stuffy nose, runny nose, sneezing, and post-nasal drip.