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ROUND ONE

camaraderie

Pronunciation: kah-muh-**rah**-duh-ree,

Noun

Meaning: mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together

Origin: mid 19th century, from French, from *camarade* 'comrade'.

Example sentences:

- *The last few days and nights are a good indication of team spirit and camaraderie among the teams.*
- *Is this the inevitable camaraderie among smart people in a small country?*
- *You get a real sense of camaraderie among the group when you win interstate.*



dachshund

Pronunciation: daxhund

noun

A dog of a [very](#) short-[legged](#), long-bodied [breed](#).

Origin

late 19th century: from [German](#), literally 'badger dog' (the breed being originally used to dig badgers out of their setts).

effervescent

Pronunciation: ɛfə'vesənt; ef-er-**ves**-uh nt

Adjective

Meaning:

(Of a [liquid](#)) giving off [bubbles](#); [fizzy](#): an effervescent [mixture](#) of [cheap wine](#), fruit [flavours](#), [sugar](#), and [carbon dioxide](#)

[Vivacious](#) and [enthusiastic](#): effervescent young [people](#)

Origin: late 17th century: from [Latin](#) *effervescent*- 'boiling up', from the verb *effervescere* (see [effervesce](#)).

Example sentences:

- *Yet, along with the soaring voices and jaunty hand-clapping of La La La Song, Low seem in effervescent, ebullient mood.*
- *The effervescent and downright bubbly host has evolved from just*

daguerreotype

(also daguerrotype)

noun

A [photograph](#) taken by an [early photographic process employing an iodine-sensitized silvered plate and mercury vapour](#).

Origin

mid 19th century: from [French](#) *daguerréotype*, named after L.-J.-M. Daguerre (see [Daguerre, Louis-Jacques-Mandé](#)).

Example Sentence:

-This exhibition includes 115 photographs, negatives and daguerreotypes by Fox Talbot, one of the 19th-century founders of the photographic medium, and several of his contemporaries.

-I now collect daguerreotypes, photographs taken by an early process using copper plating, and at the same time I have the latest digital camera.

appoggiatura

Pronunciation: *uh-poj-uh-too r-uh Apogutoorah*

Noun

Meaning: A [grace note](#) which [delays](#) the next [note](#) of the [melody](#), taking half or more of its [written](#) time [value](#).

Origin: [Italian](#), from *appoggiare* 'lean upon, rest'.

Example sentences:

- *For example, if the appoggiatura is written as an eighth-note, then the appoggiatura should take an eighth-note value from the main note.*
- *In his effort to successfully attain variation of material, as well as timbre imitation, he employs a wide variety of ornaments such as mordents, trills, broken chords and appoggiaturas.*
- *Later developments included the adoption of standard signs for such frequently used ornaments as appoggiaturas, mordents, slides, trills, or turns.*

ROUND TWO

acquiesce

Pronunciation: ak-wee-**es**

Verb

Meaning:

to assent tacitly; submit or comply silently or without protest; agree; consent:

Origin: Latin *acquiēscere* to find rest in, equivalent to *ac-ac-* + *quiē-* (see [quiet](#)²) + *-sc-* inchoative suffix + *-ere* infinitive suffix

Example sentences:

- *The police reluctantly acquiesced to the proposals given no alternatives were offered.*
- *However, to understand is not to acquiesce in or accept these developments.*
- *Then folding the map away, he instructed her to start driving again and Andrea reluctantly acquiesced.*

terreplein

Pronunciation: **tareplain**

Noun

Meaning:

Fortification, the top platform or horizontal surface of a rampart where guns are mounted.

Origin: < French < Italian *terrapieno*, derivative of *terrapienare* to fill with earth

Example sentence:

- *Guns usually stood on a flat terreplein, shooting over a wide earth parapet which was intended to absorb incoming fire, although they might also fire through splayed embrasures, or be housed in vaulted casemates on a lower storey.*
- *From behind the grass covered ramparts above, mortars and heavy guns on the surrounding terreplein would provide heavy bombardment*

preposterous

Pronunciation: /pri' post(ə)rəs; pri-**pos**-ter-uh s, -truh s

Adjective

Meaning: [Contrary to reason](#) or [common sense](#); [utterly absurd](#) or [ridiculous](#):

Origin: mid 16th century: from [Latin](#) *praeposterus* 'reversed, absurd' (from *prae* 'before' + *posterus* 'coming after') + [-ous](#).

Example sentences:

- *I believe these authorities to be wasting your time and taxes on this utterly preposterous project.*
- *Their position is so utterly preposterous it could be construed as libel.*
- *My list of possibilities, like anyone else's, is utterly preposterous.*

triumvirate

Pronunciation: Triumvirut

(In [ancient Rome](#)) a [group](#) of three [men](#) holding power, in particular (**the First Triumvirate**) the [unofficial coalition](#) of [Julius Caesar](#), Pompey, and Crassus in 60 bc and (**the Second Triumvirate**) a [coalition](#) formed by Antony, Lepidus, and Octavian in 43 bc.

1.1A [group](#) of three [powerful](#) or notable [people](#) or things: *a triumvirate of three [executive](#) vice presidents*

Samples:

- Finally, in the last few days, IBM, the father of PC technology, has added its corporate voice to those of this powerful triumvirate.
- He provided the balance within the ruling triumvirate, holding command over the 45,000-strong army.
- Under a ruling triumvirate, no one executive has clear control.

obsequious

Pronunciation: əb'si:kwiəs; uh b-**see**-kwee-uh s

Adjective

Meaning: [Obedient](#) or [attentive](#) to an [excessive](#) or [servile](#) degree

Origin: late 15th century (not depreciatory in sense in early use):
from [Latin](#) *obsequiosus*, from *obsequium* 'compliance',
from *obsequi* 'follow, comply with'.

Example sentences:

- *They've filled their almost-claustrophobic room with towering flower bouquets and perhaps a few too many obsequious waiters.*
- *They're surrounded by heavy linen, sparkling crystal, gleaming silver, obsequious waiters, and an embarrassment of champagne glasses.*
- *He was obedient to his Christchurch bosses, but not at all obsequious.*

ROUND THREE

verisimilitude

Pronunciation: ,vɛrɪsɪ'mɪlɪtjuːd; ver-uh-si-mil-i-tood, -tyood

Noun

Meaning: The [appearance](#) of being [true](#) or [real](#)

Origin: early 17th century: from [Latin](#) *verisimilitudo*, from *verisimilis* 'probable', from *veri* (genitive of *verus* 'true') + *similis* 'like'.

Example sentences:

- *That is, does it have verisimilitude, the appearance of being true or real?*
- *As a novelist, I strive for verisimilitude: the appearance of reality.*
- *In other words, Clarissa's language mirrors the novel's verisimilitude, while Lovelace's repeats the figures of fiction's past.*

kalanchoe

Pronunciation: ,kal-uh n-**koh**-ee; OR kuh-**lan**-choh

Noun

Meaning:

A tropical [succulent plant](#) with [clusters of tubular flowers](#), [sometimes](#) producing [miniature plants](#) along the [edges](#) of the leaves and grown as an [indoor or greenhouse plant](#).

Origin: mid 19th century: [modern Latin](#), from [French](#), based on [Chinese](#) *gālancài*.

Example sentences:

- *I have quite a few kalanchoes, all planted in the same area.*
- *For something in bloom, choose a camellia, Christmas cactus, cymbidium, kalanchoe, or moth orchid.*
- *For the second year in a row, I am having a problem with my*

acetylsalicylic

noun

Systematic chemical name for [aspirin](#).

More example sentences

- Its analgesic effects are somewhere midway between morphine and codeine, and the drug is frequently combined with either acetaminophen or acetylsalicylic acid with or without caffeine.
- Coadministration of acetylsalicylic acid and warfarin increases the risk of bleeding.
- Since then, aspirin, or acetylsalicylic acid, has remained one of the world's safest, least expensive, and most consumed analgesics.

stichomythia

Pronunciation: stik-uh-**mith**-ee-uh

Noun

Meaning: a form of dialogue originating in Greek drama in which single lines are uttered by alternate speakers

Origin: Greek *stichomŷthía*, equivalent to *stícho* (s) (see [stich](#)¹) + -*mŷthia* (*mŷth* (os) speech, story + -*ia* [-ia](#))

from Greek *stikhomuthein* to speak alternate lines, from *stikhos* line

Example sentences:

- *The plays have been called 'rhetorical': certainly their most conspicuous feature is the passionate rhetoric of the leading characters, displayed both in terse stichomythia and extended harangues.*
- *The five act structure, the appearance of some kind of ghost, the one*



quinquevir

Noun

One of five commissioners appointed for some special object.

ROUND FOUR

indefatigable

Pronunciation: in-di-**fat**-i-guh-buh l

Adjective

Meaning: (Of a person or their [efforts](#)) [persisting tirelessly](#):

Origin: early 17th century: from [French](#), or from [Latin](#) *indefatigabilis*, from *in-* 'not' + *de-* 'away, completely' + *fatigare* 'wear out'.

Example sentences:

- *He was indefatigable in his industry and sense of curiosity.*
- *But he was just indefatigable when it came to his relationships with women.*
- *He's indefatigable, like the sides he puts on the park.*

butyraceous

Pronounce: Buteraceous

Adjective

Def: Of or like butter

syzygy

Pronunciation: **siz**-i-jee

Noun

Meaning:

-*Astronomy*. an alignment of three celestial objects, as the sun, the earth, and either the moon or a planet

-*Classical Prosody*. a group or combination of two feet, sometimes restricted to a combination of two feet of different kinds.

-any two related things, either alike or opposite.

Origin:

< Late Latin *syzygia* < Greek *syzygía* union, pair, equivalent to *sýzyg* (os) yoked together (*sy-* sy- + *zyg-*, base of *zeugnýnai* to yoke¹⁺ - os adj. suffix) + *-ia* y³

Example sentences:

Syzygy in the sun-earth-

botryoidal

Pronunciation: /ˌbɒtrɪˈɔɪd(ə)l; bo-tree-**oid**-l

Adjective

Meaning: (Chiefly of minerals) having a shape reminiscent of a cluster of grapes.

Origin: late 18th century: from Greek *botruoidēs* (from *botrus* 'bunch of grapes') + -al.

Example sentences:

- *Accessory minerals include earthy aggregates of clay minerals and botryoidal or stalactitic manganese oxides.*
- *This is a late-formed mineral that occurs as thin botryoidal crusts with little visible crystal structure.*
- *It forms spherical clusters of tightly packed radiating crystals and botryoidal crusts.*

spectrophotofluorometer

Definition: Continuous activation of compounds and measurement of the resulting fluorescence throughout the visible and ultraviolet regions is provided by this instrument

Noun

Sentence: The continuous formation of NADH:NADH was measured fluorometrically at 37°C with an Aminco Bowman spectrophotofluorometer using an excitation wavelength of 340 nm and an emission wavelength of 460 nm

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sesquipedalian

adjective: **sesquipedalian**

(of a word) polysyllabic; long.

"sesquipedalian surnames"

characterized by long words; long-winded.

"the sesquipedalian prose of scientific journals"

hippocastanaceae

Hippo cast in nay say ee

plural noun

Full Definition of *HIPPOCASTANACEAE*

: a family of trees (order Sapindales) having opposite palmately lobed leaves, showy flowers in large clusters, and nutlike seeds encased in a leathery capsule and including the buckeyes

Origin of *HIPPOCASTANACEAE*

New Latin, from *Hippocastanum*, type genus in former classifications (from *hipp-* + Greek *kastanon* chestnut) + *-aceae*

galjoen

Pronunciation: hall yoon

NOUN

Definition: A deep-bodied marine fish with a spiny dorsal fin, occurring in shallow waters around South Africa. Also called blackfish.

Origin

mid 19th century: from Afrikaans and Dutch, literally 'galleon'.