

AUGUST 27 – AUGUST 31, 2012  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Monday, August 27, 2012

Word: taciturn

Definition: inclined to silence; reserved in speech; reluctant to join in conversation.

Synonym: silent, uncommunicative, reticent, quiet.

Antonym: loud, noisy, and talkative

Sentence: I went on a speech strike and remained defiantly **taciturn** through a procession of speech therapists and psychotherapists, verbalizing only to the gardener and swearing him to silence.

Tuesday, August 28, 2012

Word: pragmatic

Definition: relating to matters of fact or practical affairs often to the exclusion of intellectual or artistic matters

Synonym: practical, realistic

Antonym: idealistic, impractical

Sentence: His **pragmatic** view of public education comes from years of working in city schools.

Wednesday, August 29, 2012

Word: pathos

Definition: an element in experience or in artistic representation evoking pity or compassion

Synonym: sympathy, feeling

Antonym: heartlessness, callousness

Sentence: Our knowledge of his tragic end adds an element of **pathos** to the story of his early success.

Thursday, August 30, 2012

Word: regale

Definition: to give pleasure or amusement to

Synonym: entertain, amuse, delight

Antonym:

Sentence: He **regaled** his grandchildren with stories of his time in Morocco.

Friday, August 31, 2012

Word: quixotic

Definition: impulsive and often rashly unpredictable.

Synonym: fanciful, fantastic, imaginary.

Antonym: realistic, practical.

Sentence: These **quixotic** visions have yet to be realized, but could become tractable given a low-cost phased array solution.

SEPTEMBER 3 – SEPTEMBER 7, 2012  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Monday, September 3, 2012

Legal Holiday

Tuesday, September 4, 2012

Word: evoke

Definition: to call forth or up

Synonym: elicit, educe, inspire

Antonym: debilitate, undermine

Sentence: The old house **evoked** memories of his childhood.

Wednesday, September 5, 2012

Word: tactful

Definition: having or showing a sense of what is fitting and considerate in dealing with others

Synonym: considerate, diplomatic

Antonym: undiplomatic, tactless

Sentence: She was **tactful** enough not to shatter his illusion.

Thursday, September 6, 2012

Word: consistent

Definition: free from variation or contradiction

Synonym: coherent, congruent

Antonym: conflicting, inconsistent, incompatible

Sentence: He is a **consistent** supporter of the museum.

Friday, September 7, 2012

Word: eloquence

Definition: having or exercising the power of fluent, forceful, and appropriate speech

Synonym: fluent, articulate

Antonym: inarticulateness, speechless

Sentence: His words are equally lucid on the page and **eloquent** to the listener.

SEPTEMBER 10 – SEPTEMBER 14, 2012  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Monday, September 10, 2012

Word: exploit

Definition: to make use of meanly or unfairly for one's own advantage

Synonym: abuse, impose

Antonym: cherish, honor

Sentence: Top athletes are able to **exploit** their opponents' weaknesses.

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Word: attainment

Definition: the act of achieving or accomplishing; the condition of being completed

Synonym: acquirement, fulfillment

Antonym: failure, loss

Sentence: She values educational **attainment** above all else.

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

Word: priority

Definition: superiority in rank, position, or privilege

Synonym: precedence, superiority

Antonym: unimportance

Sentence: She decided to go to the party instead of studying? Where are her **priorities**?

Thursday, September 13, 2012

Word: aversion

Definition: a feeling of repugnance toward something with a desire to avoid

Synonym: antagonism, disgust

Antonym: affection, attachment

Sentence: They regarded war with **aversion**.

Friday, September 14, 2012

Word: caustic

Definition: capable of destroying or eating away by chemical action

Synonym: burning, abrasive

Antonym: calm, mild

Sentence: The chemical was so **caustic** that it ate through the pipes.

SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 21, 2012  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Monday, September 17, 2012

Word: Teacher Planning Day

Definition:

Synonym:

Antonym:

Sentence:

Tuesday, September 18, 2012

Word: pivotal

Definition: of vital or critical importance

Synonym: crucial, vital

Antonym: unimportant, inconsequential

Sentence: Unlike sports fans dissecting a **pivotal** football play, scientists studying evolution don't have the luxury of instant replay.

Wednesday, September 19, 2012

Word: emerge

Definition: come out, arise

Synonym: appear, transpire

Antonym: disappear, fade

Sentence: The cat **emerged** from its hiding place behind the couch.

Thursday, September 20, 2012

Word: recurrent

Definition: returning or happening time after time

Synonym: repeating, continued

Antonym: halted, permanent

Sentence: The **recurrent** theme of the essay was the ultimate triumph of good over evil.

Friday, September 21, 2012

Word: reproach

Definition: an expression of rebuke or disapproval

Synonym: dishonor, condemn

Antonym: praise, honor

Sentence: She looked at him with **reproach**.

SEPTEMBER 24 – SEPTEMBER 28, 2012  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Monday, September 24, 2012

Word: motivate

Definition: To provide with an incentive; move to action; impel.

Synonym: induce, prompt

Antonym: discourage, dissuade

Sentence: Teaching is all about **motivating** people to learn.

Tuesday, September 25, 2012

Word: quiescent

Definition: being at rest; quiet; still; inactive or motionless

Synonym: inactive, at rest

Antonym: active, functioning

Sentence: During a **quiescent** period the sun puts out less energy.

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

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Thursday, September 27, 2012

Word: bequeath

Definition: leave or give by will after one's death

Synonym: endow, entrust

Antonym: take, disinherit

Sentence: She **bequeathed** her half of the company to her niece.

Friday, September 28, 2012

Word: pervasive

Definition: spread throughout all parts

Synonym: widespread, extensive

Antonym: collective, narrow

Sentence: In addition, there is a greater need for peer group association due to increased connectivity and the **pervasiveness** of digital media.

OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 5, 2012  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Monday, October 1, 2012

Word: bonafide

Definition: made, done, presented, in good faith; without deception or fraud

Synonym: honest, sincere

Antonym: dishonest, deceitful

Sentence: Its mission was to protect the **bonafide** livestock producer.

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

Word: audacious

Definition: extremely bold or daring

Synonym: courageous, fearless

Antonym: cowardly, meek

Sentence: They have **audacious** plans for the new school.

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

Word: timid

Definition: lacking in courage or self-confidence

Synonym: scary, shy

Antonym: brave, daring

Sentence: She is very **timid** and shy when meeting strangers.

Thursday, October 4, 2012

Word: connoisseur

Definition: a person with special knowledge or appreciation of a field

Synonym: authority, expert

Antonym: moron, imbecile

Sentence: He grew up in Europe and was a **connoisseur** of good food and fine wine.

Friday, October 5, 2012

Word: verbatim

Definition: corresponding word for word to the original source or text

Synonym: directly, exactly

Antonym: inexactly, inaccurate

Sentence: You can't copy a book **verbatim** to complete your bookmark; that's plagiarism.

OCTOBER 8 – OCTOBER 12, 2012  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Monday, October 8, 2012

Word: erudite

Definition: having or showing knowledge that is gained by studying

Synonym: educated, scholarly

Antonym: uneducated, illiterate

Sentence: The most **erudite** people in medical research attended the conference

Tuesday, October 9, 2012

Word: delusion

Definition: a persistent false psychotic belief regarding the self or persons or objects outside the self that is maintained despite indisputable evidence to the contrary

Synonym: deception, hoax

Antonym: truth, factuality

Sentence: She is under the **delusion** that we will finish on time.

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

Word: splendid

Definition: strikingly admirable or fine

Synonym: excellent, majestic

Antonym: humble, unimpressive

Sentence: We have a **splendid** opportunity to do something really useful.

Thursday, October 11, 2012

Word: jollity

Definition: the quality or state of being jolly

Synonym: glee, merriment

Antonym: gloom, sadness

Sentence: I love all of the warmhearted **jollity** of the holiday season.

Friday, October 12, 2012

Word: evolution

Definition: any process of formation or growth

Synonym: change, progression

Antonym: inactivity, unmoving

Sentence: The importance of natural selection as a cause of **evolution** was accepted into other branches of biology.

OCTOBER 15 – OCTOBER 19, 2012  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Monday, October 15, 2012

Word: congeal

Definition: to change from a soft or fluid state to a rigid or solid state, as by cooling or freezing

Synonym: harden, set, solidify

Antonym: soften, weaken

Sentence: The fat **congealed** on the top of the soup.

Tuesday, October 16, 2012

Word: peaceable

Definition: not contentious or quarrelsome

Synonym: friendly, amicable

Antonym: warlike, aggressive

Sentence: He has a **peaceable** personality.

Wednesday, October 17, 2012

Word: digress

Definition: to deviate or wander away from the main topic or purpose in speaking or writing

Synonym: stray, ramble

Antonym: determined, direct

Sentence: The speaker **digressed** with anecdote after anecdote.

Thursday, October 18, 2012

Word: parody

Definition: a poor, insincere, or insulting imitation of something

Synonym: joke, travesty

Antonym: tribute, accolade

Sentence: She made a **parody** of the boring movie.

Friday, October 19, 2012

Word: belittle

Definition: to consider or speak of something as less valuable or important than it really is

Synonym: bad-mouth, depreciate

Antonym: applaud, praise

Sentence: Amanda **belittled** her friend's artwork.



OCTOBER 22 – OCTOBER 26, 2012  
CORAL GABLES SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

**WORD OF THE DAY**

Monday, October 22, 2012

Word: concise

Definition: expressing or covering much in few words

Synonym: short, brief

Antonym: lengthy, long

Sentence: Being **concise** allowed them to cover a vast amount of musical terrain while appealing to short attention spans.

Tuesday, October 23, 2012

Word: remedy

Definition: something that cures or relieves a disease or bodily disorder

Synonym: cure, solution

Antonym: injury, pain

Sentence: The **remedy** will cure the pain, and help to correct the painful disorder.

Wednesday, October 24, 2012

Word: diligence

Definition: perseverance in carrying out action

Synonym: alertness, attentiveness

Antonym: indifference, lethargy

Sentence: Working hard and **diligence** always pays off in the end.

Thursday, October 25, 2012

Word: nebulous

Definition: not clear, distinct, or definite

Synonym: vague, obscure

Antonym: obvious, apparent

Sentence: All politicians have been disconcerted by discontent that is at once deep-rooted and **nebulous**.

Friday, October 26, 2012

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