**Word of the Day**

* Wardrobe
* \WOR-drobe\ (noun)

**Definition:** a collection of wearing apparel (as of a person or for one activity)

**Example:** Over the years, Sandra has managed to acquire a large and varied wardrobe.

Whenever Pat is megrim, she would hide in her large golden brown wardrobe and cover herself with herself with the blanket her grandmother gave her.

* Hamartia
* \hah-mahr-TEE-uh\ (Noun)

**Definition:** tragic flaw

**Example:** Greed was the hamartia that ultimately brought down the protagonist (main character in a story).

The world known thief was caught by the police because they have his hamartia, his 5 year old daughter, Sandra.

* Widdershins
* \WID-er-shinz\ (Adverb)

**Definition:** in a left handed wrong, or contrary direction; counter-clockwise

**Example:** We turned right and walked to perimeter of the gardens before turning around and walking it again widdershins.

Paul gave Jen a clock the widdershins, he said, “Jen, you will not lose time with me, you will only gain more and more happy hours.”

* QWERTY
* \KWER-ty\ (Noun)

**Definition:** a stander typewriter or computer keyboard called also a QWERTY keyboard

**Example:** My new cell phone has a mini QWERTY keyboard that slides out for easy use.

After the earthquake in Turkey, the only thing Tom can find was his wife’s cell phone that has the QWERTY keyboard missing.

* Patina
* \puh-TEE-nuh\ (Noun)

**Definition:** a surface appearance of something grown beautiful, especially with age or use

**Example:** The winery has been constructed and decorated to give it a patina of old-world quaintness.

Grace’s grandma gave Grace a golden necklace that has a heart-shaped ruby as the pendent, it has a patina of the 1800’s.

* Discriminate
* \diss-KRIM-ih-nayt\ (Verb)

**Definition:** to see the special feature of

**Example:** One of the important skills for judging a dog show is the ability to discriminate between dozens of breeds.

In Harry Potter, Voldemort discriminate wizard or witches that are muggle-born because he thinks that they have dirty blood.

* Optimism
* \AWP-tih-miz-um\ (Noun)

**Definition:** An inclination to anticipate the best possible outcome

**Example:** Even though I never feed my dog at the dinner table, she always watches me eat with great optimism.

Students and parents need more optimism with their report card marks.

* Divine
* \dih-vyne\ (Verb)

**Definition:** to discover by intuition or insight, to locate or discover

**Example:** Turning into the park, I stumbled upon a man using a long stick to divine a source of water.

Harry Potter was going to divine for Voldemort’s seven secret horcruxes to try to destroy him once and for all!

* Stratagem
* \STRAT-a-jum\ (Noun)

**Definition:** a clearly contrived trick or scheme for gaining a end

**Example:** As a stratagem to get the kids to do their chores, Mel persuaded them to have a race to see which child can finish first.

As a stratagem to get my marks higher, my mom told me that is my average is higher than 94%, she would buy me what ever I want.

* Rebel Rebellion Rebellious
* \re-bel\ (Adjective)

**Own Definition:** I think a rebel is a person who constantly break the rules, and someone who never follows instructions.

**Example:** Today’s rebel chefs feel free to ignore classic cooking techniques.

In Harry Potter and the Deadly Hollows, Harry decides to start a rebellion against Voldemort and his dead eaters.

* Equality
* \i-kwa-le-te\ (Noun)

**Definition:** the quality or stateof being equal (same rank or status)

**Example:** It’s absurd to suggest that there was equality between all the citizens in the United States in the early 1960’s.

Harry Potter believed in equality between the muggle-borned witches and wizards and the pure blood witches and wizards, unlike Voldemort, who values one over the other.

* Echelon
* \ESH-uh-lon\ (Noun)

**Definition:** one of a series of levels or grades in an organization or field of activity

**Example:** We heard stories of corruption in the higher echelon of the firm.

In Harry Potter and the Order of Phoenix, Voldemort controls the higher echelon of the Ministry of Magic.

* Cistern
* \sis-tern\ (Noun)

**Definition:**

1. an artificial reservoir (as an underground tank) for storing liquids and especially water (as rainwater)
2. a large usually silver vessel formerly used (as in cooling wine) at the dining table
3. a fluid containing sac or cavity in an organism

In a French restaurant, a woman screams at her husband, and pushed everything off the table, including the expensive 1986 wine and its cistern.

* Pique
* \PEEK\ (Verb)

**Definition:** to arouse curiosity or interest

**Example:** Our curiosity was piqued by the lock chest hidden at the back of the old ship.

In Harry Potter and the chamber of secrets, Harry’s interest of the heir of Slytherin was piqued by the voice that only he can hear…

* Prosperity
* \praw-SPARE-ih-tee\ (Noun)

**Definition:** the condition of being successful or thriving

**Example:** The result was Panem, a shining Capital ringed by thirteen districts, which brought peace and prosperity to its cities.

Aung San Suu Kyi, a democracy worker in Burma, fights against the government to try to bring peace and prosperity to her people.