Merciless

/mer-si—less/ (adjective)

Definition: having or showing no mercy or pity

Ex. The presidential candidate was *merciless* in his criticism of his opponents

Ex. Bod was *merciless* when he shot the whole school

Endearment (noun)

/in-deer-ment/

Definition: a word or act expressing affection

Example: While my husband was serving in Afghanistan, I kept a letter filled with *endearments* from him in my wallet.

Ex. On Valentine’s Day Bod sent and *endearment* letter to his girlfriend.

Statagem

/STRAT-a-jum/ (noun)

Definition: a cleverly contrived trick or scheme for gaining an end.

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

Ex. As a *stratagem* to get the children to do their homework, Sally told them to have a race

Suk (chp4)

/sook/ (noun)

Definition: a market or bazar especially in Arabor Middle Eastern countries

Ex. Normally, I revel in the hustle and bustle of the *suk*, but when I have a headache, it’s the last place I want to be.

Ex. Sally goes to the *suk* to trade and to buy food for her family

Megrim

/MEEgrim/ (noun)

Definition: low spirits

Ex. Cathy’s friends tried to convince her that a night at the movies world help alleviate her *megrim,* but she wasn’t buying it.

Ex. Her friends tried to convince her that she had did her best on the test, but that didn’t help her *megrims*.

Pungent

/pun-jent/ (adjective)

Definition: Sharply and strongly affecting the organs of taste and smell.

Ex. The *pungent* aroma of stinky blue cheese filled the kitchen.

Ex. The *pungent* smell of sweaty socks filled the lundry room.

Hamatria

/hah-mahr-TEE-uh/ (noun)

Definition: tragic flaw

Ex. Greed was the *hamartia* that ultimately brought down the protagonist (main character in a play, story or novel)

Ex. Wonder woman’s power bands were broken, the *hamartia* had brought her down.

Obsequious

/ob-SEE-kwee-us/ (adjective)

Definition: Marked by or exhibiting a fawning attentiveness

Ex. The executive brought with her an entourage of *obsequious* assistants who would do anything she asked of them.

Ex. The *obsequious* assistant dose anything her boss tells her to do because she is afraid of getting fired.

Misanthropist

Noun /mis-AN-thro-pist/

Definition: a person who dislikes or distrusts other people or humankind in general

Example: Although the *misanthropist* attended the party, he spent the whole time sulking in the corner and avoiding eye contact.

Example: She can become a *misanthropist* when she dose not get what she wants.

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 quintness.

Example: The 200 year old coin had a *patina* look to it.

Falafel (noun)

/Fuh-LA- fuh/

Definition : spicy mixture of ground vegetables formed into patties or balls and then fried.

Example: Sandra set her alarm for 5 am so she would have enough time to make 200 *falfels* for the school banquet.

Example: I watched Hanna make *falafels* for her younger sister’s birthday party.