Word of the Day

* Broadside
* /BRAWD- syde/ (noun)

Definition: a strongly worded attack

Ex. The intern was surprised when her supervisor answered her simple question with a broadside against the company’s treatment of employees.

Ex. After being accused of 2nd degree murder, Jack stated a broadside saying he was innocent.

* Wardrobe
* WAR-drohb/ (noun)

Definition: A collection of wearing apparel (as of one person or for one activity

Ex. 1) Over the years, Sandra has managed to acquire a large and varied wardrobe.

Ex.2) Karlie has a large and varied wardrobe full of top designer brands like Chanel, Gucci, Marc Jacobs, Elle Sab, Jenny Packham, and Burberry.

* Hendiadys
* Hen- DYE- uh- dis/ (noun)

Definition:   
The expression of an idea by the use of usually two independent words connected by and (as nice an warm)

Ex.1) Lydia liked to use the hendiadys cheap and cheerful to describe her wardrobe.

Ex.2) I like to use the hendiadys sweet and delicious to describe her moms chocolate chip cookies.

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Ex.2) Sally gave a broadside to the waiter who she claimed was very rude to her.

* Importunate
* /im- POR- chun- nut (adjective)

Definition: Trouble somely urgent: overly, persistent in request or demand

Ex. Sylvia was fed up 2with the importunate phone calls she continued to receive from charities seeking donations.

Ex. Sally was upset after she received an importunate phone call from the hospital telling her that her father had just passed away.

* Layman
* /LAY- mun (noun)

Definition: A person who does not belong to a particular profession or who is not expert in some field.

Ex.1) The book is an introduction to physic that despite its depth and detail, is quite accessible to the layman.

Ex.2) Sally is a pro tennis player, but when it comes to teaching, she is a layman.

* Catachresis
* /Kat- un- KREE- sis/ (noun)

Definition: Use of the wrong word of the context

Ex.1) Mrs. Brown told her students that by proofreading their essays they’d avoid such catachresis as using the word "navel" in a sentence when they actually mean "naval".

Ex.2) Sally was rereading her essay when she noticed a catachresis as using the word "write" when she meant the word "right".

* Optimism
* /AWP- tin- miz- um

Definition: An inclination to anticipate the best possible outcome.

Ex.1) Even though I never feed my dog at the dinner table, she always watches me eat with great optimism.

Ex.2) Even though the fishermen never caught a fish from the Red River, he still waits with great

* Sop
* /SAHP/ (noun)

Definition: Bribe, gift, or gesture

Ex.1) The contractor offered higher priced bathroom fixtures of no extra- cost as a sop to the homeowner, who was threatening to cancel the contract.

Ex.2) The lady offered the tow- truck guy $1000.00 as a sop, who was going to tow her car away.

* Misanthropist
* /MIS-AN\_thro-pist/ (noun)

Definition: A person who dislikes or distrust other people or humankind in general.

Ex.1) Although the misanthropist attended the party, he spent the whole time sulking in the corner and avoiding eye contact.

Ex.2) The misanthropist was trying to walk fast and quite through the crowd, trying to avoid any eye contact and any contact at all.

* Falafel
* /fuh- LA- fuhl/

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

Ex.1) Sandra set her alarm for 5am so she would have enough time to make two hundred falafels for the school banquet.

Ex.2) Sally’s grandmother back home used to make the best falafels, but when Sally moved to Canada, she couldn’t find anything delicious as that.

* rupee
* /ROO-pee/ (noun)

Definition: a coin and monetary unit used in countries such as India, Nepal, Pakistan, and Sri Lanka. $1.00= 85 rupee

Ex.1) Six months after I returned from India, I found a lonely rupee wedged in the lining of my purse.

Ex.2) After returning to Canada from a trip to India, Sally found a couple of rupees in the wallet.

* Divine
* /dih- vyne/ (verb)

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

Ex.1) Turning into the park, I stumbled upon a man using a long stick to divine a source of water.  
Ex.2) Sally and her friends were walking around at a street festival, when they were approached by an old lady who tried to divine their futures.

* Feisty
* /FYE- stee/

Definition: having or showing a lively aggressiveness, spunky

Ex.1) Elena found success as a stage actress thanks in part to her feisty spirit and strong work ethic.

Ex.2) We call my uncle’s dog Feisty Fiona because whenever it’s time to go to sleep, she would always want to play.