Word of the Day Bryce Gutknecht

8-14

1. Muezzin

/mu-ezzin/ (noun)

Definition: a Muslim crier who calls the hour of daily prayers from a minaret.

Ex. The *muezzin* screamed out from the minaret that the store was opening an hour later.

1. Dysentery

/dis-en-ter-e/ (noun)

Definition: an infection of the intestines, producing diarrhea with blood and mucus that is caused by consuming contaminated food or water

Chp 7 pg 52 “That month an attack of dysentery obligated us to use the little behind the curtain more often than we liked.”

The drought in Eastern Africa caused people to use dirty water which caused dysentery.

1. Pungent

/pun-jent/ (adjective)

Definition: strongly and sharply effecting the organs of taste and smell.

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

The *pungent* smell of chlorine was the people who sat on the wooden benches.

1. 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 in an organism

Ex. During the famine the government went back to using *cisterns.*

1. Echelon

Definition: one of the series of levels or grades in an organization or field of activity.

Ex. We heard stories of corruption in the higher echelons of the firm.

There were rumours of conspiracy from the higher *echelons* of the government toward the lower echelons of the government

1. Torpor

/tor-per/ (noun)

Definition 1: apathy, dullness

Definition 2: a condition of mental or physical inactivity or sluggishness

Ex. The magazine article provided ideas for activities designed to shake the torpor of a rainy day.

The sloth is *torpor*

1. Indite

\in-dyte\ (verb)

Definition: make up, compose

Ex. He proceeded to indite a note to biddy with my love in it.

The *indite* of the note was done in the evening.

1. QWERTY

\kwer-tee\ (noun)

Definition: a standard typewriter or computer keyboard; called also QWERTY keyboard.

Ex. My new cell phone has a new QWERTY keyboard that slides out for easy use.

I always make spelling errors with the *QWERTY* keyboard.

1. Layman

\lay-min\ Definition: a person who does not belong to a particular profession or who is not an expert in some field

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

The mailman was a *layman* to the doctor.

1. Misanthropist

(Noun)

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

Ex. Although the misanthropist attended the party, he spent the whole time in corners avoiding eye contact.

*Misanthropy* was the cause of the isolation and resentment of their kind of group of people.

\mis-AN-thro-pist\

1. Nutmeg

\nut-meg\ (noun)

Definition: an aromatic seed produced by an evergreen tree

Before I could make pumpkin pie I need to go buy cinnamon, ginger, and *nutmeg.*

The only thing stolen from the store was *nutmeg*

The secret ingredient for the restaurants soup was *nutmeg*