**Week 2**

**abstemious**

***adje****ctive* ab·ste·mi·ous \ab-ˈstē-mē-əs\

: not eating and drinking too much

**arrogance**

*noun* ar·ro·gance \ˈer-ə-gən(t)s, ˈa-rə-\

: an insulting way of thinking or behaving that comes from believing that you are better, smarter, or more important than other people

**debunk**

*verb* de·bunk \(ˌ)dē-ˈbəŋk\

: to show that something (such as a belief or theory) is not true : to show the falseness of (a story, idea, statement, etc.)

**erratic**

*adjective* er·rat·ic \i-ˈra-tik\

: acting, moving, or changing in ways that are not expected or usual : not consistent or regular

**incorrigible**

*adjective* in·cor·ri·gi·ble \(ˌ)in-ˈkȯr-ə-jə-bəl, -ˈkär-\

: not able to be corrected or changed

**injurious**

*adjective* in·ju·ri·ous \in-ˈju̇r-ē-əs\

: causing injury

**lampoon**

*noun* lam·poon \lam-ˈpün\

: a piece of writing, a cartoon, etc., that mocks or makes fun of a well-known person or thing

**methodical**

*adjective* me·thod·i·cal \mə-ˈthä-di-kəl\

: done by using a careful and organized procedure

: working in a very careful and organized way

**morose**

*adjective* mo·rose \mə-ˈrōs, mȯ-\

of a person : very serious, unhappy, and quiet

: very sad or unhappy

**obscure**

*adjective* ob·scure \äb-ˈskyu̇r, əb-\

: not well-known : not known to most people

: difficult to understand : likely to be understood by only a few people

: difficult or impossible to know completely and with certainty

**parochial**

*adjective* pa·ro·chi·al \pə-ˈrō-kē-əl\

: of or relating to a church parish and the area around it

: limited to only the things that affect your local area

**phonetics**

*noun plural but singular in construction* pho·net·ics \fə-ˈne-tiks\

linguistics : the study of speech sounds

**pioneer**

*noun* pi·o·neer \ˌpī-ə-ˈnir\

: a person who helps create or develop new ideas, methods, etc.

: someone who is one of the first people to move to and live in a new area

**presumptuous**

*adjective* pre·sump·tu·ous \pri-ˈzəm(p)-chə-wəs, -chəs, -shəs\

: too confident especially in a way that is rude : done or made without permission, right, or good reason

**provoke**

*verb* pro·voke \prə-ˈvōk\

: to cause the occurrence of (a feeling or action) : to make (something) happen

: to cause (a person or animal) to become angry, violent, etc.

**reconcile**

*verb* rec·on·cile \ˈre-kən-ˌsī(-ə)l\

: to find a way of making (two different ideas, facts, etc.) exist or be true at the same time

**repeal**

*verb* re·peal \ri-ˈpēl\

: to officially make (a law) no longer valid

**retort**

*verb* re·tort \ri-ˈtȯrt\

transitive verb

1**:**  to pay or hurl back **:**  [return](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/return) <*retort* an insult>

2*a* **:**  to make a reply to

*b* **:**  to say in reply

**1sentinel**

*noun* sen·ti·nel \ˈsent-nəl, ˈsen-tə-nəl\

**:**  sentry

**solitude**

*noun* sol·i·tude \ˈsä-lə-ˌtüd, -ˌtyüd\

: a state or situation in which you are alone usually because you want to be

**stylize**

*transitive verb* styl·ize \ˈstī(-ə)-ˌlīz\

**styl·izedstyl·iz·ing**

**:**  to conform to a conventional [style](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/style); *specifically* **:**  to represent or design according to a style or [stylistic](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/stylistic) pattern rather than according to nature or tradition

**succumb**

*intransitive verb* suc·cumb \sə-ˈkəm\

: to stop trying to resist something

**taint**

*verb* \ˈtānt\

: to hurt or damage the good condition of (something)

: to make (something) dangerous or dirty especially by adding something harmful or undesirable to it

**testimony**

*noun* tes·ti·mo·ny \ˈtes-tə-ˌmō-nē\

: something that someone says especially in a court of law while formally promising to tell the truth

: proof or evidence that something exists or is true

**tranquilize**

*verb* tran·quil·ize \ˈtraŋ-kwə-ˌlīz, ˈtran-\

: to use a drug to cause (a person or animal) to become very relaxed and calm

**unanimous**

*adjective* unan·i·mous \yu̇-ˈna-nə-məs\

: agreed to by everyone

: having the same opinion

**unsound**

*adjective* un·sound \-ˈsau̇nd\

: not based on truth or logic : not showing good judgment

: poorly built or in bad condition

**vane**

*noun* \ˈvān\

: a thin, flat or curved object that is attached to a wheel and that moves when air or water pushes it

**verify**

*verb* ver·i·fy \ˈver-ə-ˌfī\

: to prove, show, find out, or state that (something) is true or correct

**void**

*adjective* \ˈvȯid\

law : having no legal force or effect

: not containing anything

**wry**

*verb* \ˈrī\

**wriedwry·ing**

intransitive verb

**:**  [twist](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/twist), [writhe](http://www.merriam-webster.com/dictionary/writhe)

transitive verb

**:**  to pull out of or as if out of proper shape **:**  make awry