

Words and Explanations

avert (uh VURT) When you avert something, you keep it from happening.

covet (KUHV iht) If you covet something, you want it for yourself.

degrade (dih GRAYD) If you degrade someone or something, you damage its value or reputation.

disconsolate (dihs KON suh liht) A disconsolate person is so sad he or she can't be cheered up.

ignoble (ihg NOH buhl) Something that is ignoble is dishonorable and has a bad reputation.

illicit (ih LIHS iht) An illicit activity is illegal or not allowed.

loiter (LOY tuhr) When you loiter somewhere, you stay there without any good reason.

quaint (kwaynt) If something is quaint, it is old-fashioned and charming.

receptive (rih SEHP tihv) Someone who is receptive is open to new ideas and experiences.

unattainable (UHN uh TAY nuh buhl) Something that is unattainable is impossible to get.

*“The language of friendship
is not words but
meanings.”*

—Henry David Thoreau