

## Words and Explanations

**embellishment** (ehm BEHL ihsh muhnt) An embellishment is a decoration that is added to something to make it seem more attractive.

**garish** (GAIR ihsh) When something is garish, it is so flashy and colorful that it's ugly.

**gaunt** (gahnt) A person who is gaunt is very skinny and unhealthy looking.

**impermeable** (ihm PEHR mee uh buhl) If something is impermeable, it is impossible to enter it or break through it.

**insidious** (ihn SIHD ee uhs) You use insidious to describe something harmful that spreads slowly without being noticed.

**monotonous** (muh NOT uh nuhs) When something is monotonous, it is very boring because it never changes.

**profuse** (pruh FYOOS) If there is a profuse amount of something, there is a lot of it.

**revel** (REHV uhl) A revel is a loud celebration.

**shrouded** (shrowd ehd) If someone or something has been shrouded, it has been covered, usually with a cloth.

**wanton** (WON tuhn) A wanton action causes harm to someone or something on purpose without any reason.

“*Uttering a word is like striking a note on the keyboard of the imagination.*”

—Ludwig Wittgenstein