

Words and Explanations

ameliorate (uh MEEL yuh rayt)
Someone who ameliorates a situation makes it better or easier.

capitulate (kuh PIHCH uh layt)
When you capitulate, you give up and surrender.

expanse (ehk SPANS) An expanse is a wide, open area.

furtive (FUR tihv) Furtive people are secretive and sneaky because they are trying to hide what they are doing.

possess (puh ZEHS) If you possess something, you own it and control it.

preoccupied (pree OK yuh pyd)
When you're preoccupied with something, you are thinking about it so much that you don't notice other things.

rapt (rapt) If you are rapt, something amazes you and captures your attention.

retaliate (rih TAL ee AYT) When you retaliate, you get revenge for something that someone has done to you.

stricken (STRIHK uhn) If you are stricken with something, you are suffering from it.

torrent (TAWR uhnt) A torrent is a large amount of fast and furiously flowing water.

“A word is dead when it is said, some say. I say it just begins to live that day.”

—Emily Dickinson