

Words and Explanations

abashed (uh BASHT) If you are abashed, you feel ashamed and embarrassed.

egregious (ih GREE juhs) An egregious act is shockingly bad.

embolden (ehm BOHL duhn) If you feel emboldened by something, you suddenly have the confidence to act boldly and bravely.

implication (IHM pluh KAY shuhn) An implication is the unspoken meaning or message behind what you say or do.

meager (MEE guhr) When there is a meager amount of something, there is very little of it.

mellifluous (muh LIHF lu uhs) Something that sounds mellifluous sounds pleasant and smooth.

obliterate (uh BLIHT uh rayt) When you obliterate something, you completely destroy it.

redolent (REHD uh luht) If something is redolent of something else, it reminds you of that thing.

taunt (tawnt) A person who taunts you annoys or teases you in order to be hurtful.

unwieldy (uhn WEEL dee) Something that is unwieldy is hard to handle because of its awkward weight or size.

“*So all my best is dressing
old words new, spending
again what is already
spent.*”

—William Shakespeare