

Words and Explanations

affix (uh FIHKS) When something is affixed, it is attached to something else.

awry (uh RY) If something goes awry, it fails to happen in the way it was planned.

fabrication (FAB ruh KAY shuhn) A fabrication is something that is created, not natural.

fastidious (fas TIHD ee uhs) Fastidious people are extremely neat and picky about details.

gingerly (JIHN juhr lee) When you do something gingerly, you do it carefully because you are nervous about making a mistake or getting hurt.

incipient (ihn SIHP ee uhnt) Something that is incipient is just beginning to happen.

inhabit (ihn HAB uht) If you inhabit a place, you live there.

malicious (muh LIHSH uhs) A malicious person wants to hurt others or cause them pain.

mock (mok) Someone who mocks you imitates you in order to make fun of you.

mutate (MYOO tayt) If something mutates, it changes into some new, usually strange, form.

“You will have written well if, by skillful arrangement of your words, you have made an ordinary one seem original.”

—Horace