

Words and Explanations

croon (kroon) When you croon, you sing in a gentle and pleasant way.

effusive (ih FYOO sihv) Effusive people show their feelings with a lot of enthusiasm.

flagrant (FLAY gruhnt) A flagrant act is something very bad that is done without any attempt to hide it.

ingratiate (ihn GRAY shee ayt) When you ingratiate yourself to others, you do things to try to get them to like you.

petulant (PEHCH uh luhnt) A petulant person is grouchy and often gets angry over things that aren't important.

plaintive (PLAYN tihv) A plaintive sound or expression is sad and shows regret.

saucy (SAW see) Someone who is saucy is rude in a playful way.

succumb (suh KUHM) If you succumb to something, you can't fight it anymore so you just give up.

strident (STRY duhnt) A strident sound is harsh and unpleasant to listen to.

tenacious (tih NAY shuhs) A tenacious person is very tough and doesn't give up easily.

“A good word costs no more than a bad one.”

—English proverb