

Words and Explanations

aptitude (AP tuh tood) Aptitude is the natural ability to learn something quickly and do it well.

arbiter (AHR buh tuhr) An arbiter is someone who settles disagreements.

complacent (kuhm PLAY sehnt) If you are complacent, you don't think that you need to worry or do anything about a situation.

divergent (dy VUR juhnt) Things that are divergent become more and more different from each other over time.

dupe (doop) When you dupe others, you fool or trick them.

foist (foyst) If you foist something on people, you force it on them.

indulgent (ihn DUHL juhnt) If you are indulgent, you enjoy giving others whatever they want.

intricate (IHN truh kiht) Something that is intricate is complicated or difficult because it has many details or small parts.

pronouncement (pruh NOWNS muhnt) Pronouncements are formal orders or announcements.

raucous (RAW kuhs) Something that is raucous is loud and rowdy.

*“Words are but the signs
of ideas.”*

—Samuel Johnson