

Words and Explanations

condone (kuhn DOHN) If you condone a behavior, you let it happen or accept it.

deprive (dih PRYV) If you are deprived of something, you are not able to have it.

foster (FAWS tuhr) When you foster something, you work to help it grow or continue.

fundamental (FUHN duh MEHN tuhl) The fundamentals of something are its most basic and important parts.

idiosyncrasy (IHD ee uh SIHNG kruh see) An idiosyncrasy is a unique or unusual habit.

innate (ih NAYT) Something that is innate is an ability or quality that you were born with.

paradigm (PAR uh dih)m Someone's paradigm is the way he or she looks at things or sees the world.

prolong (pruh LONG) If you prolong something, you make it last longer.

sanctum (SANGK tuhm) A sanctum is a place that is quiet and private.

unkempt (uhn KEHMPT) When someone or something is unkempt, it is messy or tangled.

“If you wish to know the mind of a man, listen to his words.”

—Johann Wolfgang von Goethe