

Words and Explanations

capsize (KAP syz) If a boat is capsized, it is turned over.

grotesque (groh TEHSK) If you think something looks grotesque, it looks so strange that it disturbs you.

merciless (MUR sih lihs) When you are merciless, you act cruelly and show no concern, pity, or mercy.

mutiny (MYOO tuh nee) If you mutiny, you rebel against your leader or whoever is in charge.

pervade (puhr VAYD) If something pervades an area, it spreads throughout.

ravage (RAV ihj) When something is ravaged, it is so badly damaged that it is destroyed.

simultaneously (SY muhl TAY nee uhs lee) When things happen simultaneously, they happen at the same time.

stalwart (STOL wuhrt) If you are stalwart, people can depend on you to be loyal and hard working.

trudge (truhj) When you trudge, you walk with slow, heavy steps.

vague (vayg) When something is vague, it is so unclear that it is hard to understand.

“The difference between the right word and the almost right word is the difference between lightning and lightning bug.”

—Mark Twain