

Words and Explanations

agonize (AG uh nyz) If you agonize about something, you worry about it for a long time.

epiphany (ih PIHF uh nee) When you have an epiphany, you suddenly understand something clearly or have a great idea.

euphoric (yoo FAWR ihk) When you are euphoric, you are extremely happy.

exasperate (ehg ZAS puh rayt) If someone or something exasperates you, it makes you very angry or frustrated.

methodical (muh THOD uh kuhl) Someone who is methodical does things very carefully and step by step.

pessimism (PEHS uh mihz uhm) Pessimism is when you expect the worst or see only the negative side of things.

repulse (rih PUHLS) If something repulses you, it disgusts you so much that you want to get away from it.

reverberate (rih VUR buh rayt) If a loud sound reverberates, it echoes around you and seems to shake the place you are in.

rudimentary (ROO duh MEHN tuhr ee) Something that is rudimentary is very simple and not completely developed.

vigorously (VIHG uhr uhs lee) When you do something vigorously, you do it with lots of energy.

“*All my life I’ve looked at words as though I were seeing them for the first time.*”

—Ernest Hemingway