

Words and Explanations

advocate (AD vuh kiht) When you are an advocate of something, you publicly support it and believe in it.

chastise (chas TYZ) When you chastise people, you scold them for their misbehavior.

congenial (kuhn JEEN ee yuhl) People who are congenial are friendly and easy to get along with.

deliberate (dih LIHB uhr iht) A deliberate action is one that is done on purpose, often slowly and with care.

discredit (dihs KREHD iht) When you discredit people, you hurt their reputation by pointing out what they have done wrong.

galvanize (GAL vuh nyz) If you galvanize a group of people, you motivate or inspire them to act.

hostile (HOS tuhl) Someone who is hostile is angry and may act in a mean or dangerous way.

hypocrisy (hih POK ruh see) Hypocrisy is saying you believe something but acting in a different way.

oppress (uh PREHS) When you oppress people, you take away their freedom to make their own decisions.

subservient (suhb SUR vee uhnt) If you are subservient, you do whatever someone else wants you to do.

“*So all my best is dressing
old words new, spending
again what is already
spent.*”

—William Shakespeare