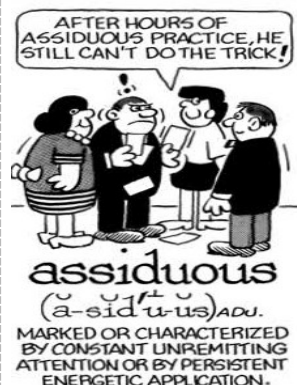


assiduous



(adj.) showing hard work, care, and attention to detail, diligent, hard-working, sedulous

Usage: The government has been assiduous in the fight against inflation.


augury



(noun) a sign of what might happen in the future; omen, portent


Usage: These sales figures are a good augury for another profitable year.

heterodox



Hetero

- Meaning
 - Different
- Example
 - Heterodox – different opinion
 - Heterogeneous – different character or contact



(adj.) (of beliefs, ideas, or activities) different to and opposing generally accepted beliefs or standards; unorthodox, heretical, iconoclastic

Usage: His opinions have always been distinctly heterodox.

imbroglio

(noun) an unwanted, difficult, and confusing situation, full of trouble and problems

Usage:

The Soviet Union became anxious to withdraw its soldiers from the Afghan imbroglio.

indefatigable

(adj.)

always determined, energetic in trying to achieve something and never willing to admit defeat

Usage: Annie was an indefatigable campaigner for better community services.

ineluctable



(adj.) impossible to avoid

Usage: his ineluctable fate

jejune



(adj.) very simple or childish

Usage: He made jejune generalizations about how all students were lazy and never did any work.

boring and not interesting

Usage: a jejune lecture by one of our professors

lubricious



(adj.) lewd, wanton, greasy, slippery

mendicant

Mendicant

Definition: Begging (adjective)



"Then they set out on the road again, slumped and cowed and shivering in their rags like **mendicant** friars sent forth to find their keep." (126)

The homeless man on the corner sat, mendicant, hoping for money.

(noun)

1. begging, characteristic of a beggar, (of a member of a religious order) dependent on alms for sustenance
mendicant friars

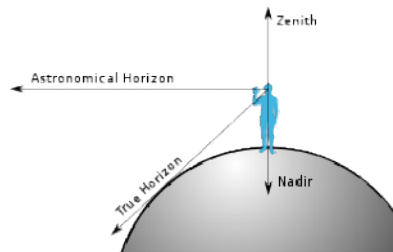
meretricious



(adj.) seeming attractive but really false or of little value, cheap, gaudy, tawdry, flashy.

Usage: He claims that a lot of journalism is meretricious and superficial.

nadir



(noun) the worst moment, or the moment of least hope and least achievement:

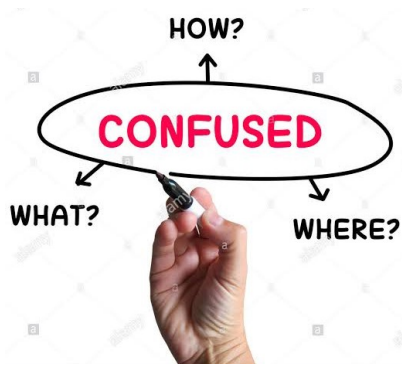
Usage: The defeat was the nadir of her career.

the point at which something is at its lowest value or level:

Usage: At its nadir in the mid-1980s, the pound was almost at parity with the dollar.

The sun, or any celestial body, is said to be at its nadir when at its lowest point. The opposite, highest point is said to be its zenith.

nonplussed



(adj.)

surprised, confused, and not certain how to react, baffled, bewildered

Usage:

I was completely nonplussed by his reply.

