Day 14:

1. imbibe

**verb:** to drink or absorb as if drinking

*Ex: Plato****imbibed****Socrates’ teachings to such an extent that he was able to write volumes of work that he directly attributed, sometimes word for word, to Socrates.*

1. fractious

**adjective:** irritable and is likely to cause disruption

*Ex: We rarely invite my****fractious****Uncle over for dinner; he always complains about the food, and usually launches into a tirade on some touchy subject.*

1. malfeasance

**noun:** misconduct or wrongdoing (especially by a public official)

*Ex: Not even the mayor’s trademark pearly-toothed grin could save him from charges of****malfeasance****: while in power, he’d been running an illegal gambling rink in the room behind his office.*

1. byzantine

**adjective:** intricate and complex

*Ex: Getting a driver’s license is not simply a matter of taking a test; the regulations and procedures are so****byzantine****that many have found themselves at the mercy of the Department of Motor Vehicles.*

1. artless

**adjective:** without cunning or deceit

*Ex: Despite the president's seemingly****artless****speeches, he was a skilled and ruthless negotiator.*

1. insufferable

**adjective:** intolerable, difficult to endure

*Ex: Chester always tried to find some area in which he excelled above others; unsurprisingly, his co-workers found him****insufferable****and chose to exclude him from daily luncheons out.*

1. jingoist

**noun:** a person who thinks their country is always right and who is in favor of aggressive acts against other countries

*Ex: In the days leading up to war, a nation typically breaks up into the two opposing camps: doves, who do their best to avoid war, and****jingoists****, who are only too eager to wave national flags from their vehicles and vehemently denounce those who do not do the same.*

1. sedulous

**adjective:** done diligently and carefully

*Ex: An avid numismatist, Harold****sedulously****amassed a collection of coins from over 100 countries—an endeavor that took over fifteen years across five continents.*

1. hector  
   **verb:** to bully or intimidate  
   *The boss’s****hectoring****manner put off many employees, some of whom quit as soon as they found new jobs.*