**Word of the Day: 12/8/2014**

## **irascible**

/ih-RASS-uh-buhl/

Adjective

a. Prone to anger; easily provoked to anger; hot-tempered.

*“John was very irascible as a kid”*

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**Word of the Day: 12/9/2014**

## **disconcert**

**\ dis-kuhn-SURT \**

**transitive verb**

**1.  To disturb the composure of.**

**2.  To throw into disorder or confusion; as, "the emperor disconcerted the plans of his enemy."**

**I wander away, disconcerted  by this sudden sense of having been cut short, frozen in mid-flow.**

**-- Paul Golding, The Abomination**

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**WOW Word Wednesday: 12/10/2014**

## **pleonasm**

/PLEE-uh-naz-uhm/

Noun

a. The use of more words than are necessary to express an idea

b. A superfluous word or expression.

  
*“The pleonasm within the essay was very unnecessary, it seemed to just distract the reader”*

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**Word of the Day: 12/11/2014**

## **abstruse**

**\ ab-STROOS; uhb- \**

**adjective**

**1.  Difficult to comprehend or understand.**

**Einstein's theories of relativity, so abstruse yet so disturbing in the popular press of the 1930s.**

**-- David J. Skal, Screams of Reason**

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**Word of the Day: 12/12/2014**

## **approbation**

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**\ ap-ruh-BAY-shuhn \**

**noun**

**1.  The act of approving; formal or official approval.**

**2.  Praise; commendation.**

**The speech struck a responsive chord among many and won him much approbation.**

**-- George Bush and Brent Scowcroft, A World Transformed**

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