**Word of the Day: 2/9/2015**

**seethe**  [see*th*]

***Part of speech: verb***

**1.** to surge or foam as if boiling.

**2.** to be in a state of agitation or excitement.



**Example Sentence:**
The poor behavior of the students caused the teacher to seethe.

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 **Word of the Day: 2/10/2015**

**expedient** [ik-**spee**-dee-*uh*nt]
***Part of speech: adjective or noun***

***adjective***
**1.** tending to promote some proposed or desired [object](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/object); fit or suitable for the purpose; proper under the circumstances*.*
**2.** conducive to advantage or interest, as opposed to right.
**3.** acting in accordance with [expediency](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/expediency).
***noun***
**4.** a means to an end:
**5.** a means devised or employed in an exigency; resource; shift

**Example Sentence:**
He made his decision on what is best for the country rather than what is politically expedient .

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**Word of the Day: 2/11/2015**

**ascetic**  [*uh*-**set**-ik]

***PART OF SPEECH: noun/adjective***

***noun***

**1.** a person who dedicates his or her life to a pursuit of contemplative ideals and practices extreme self-denial or self-mortification for religious reasons.

**2.** a person who leads an austerely simple life, especially one who abstains from the normal pleasures of life or denies himself or herself material satisfaction.

**3.** (in the early Christian church) a monk; hermit.

***adjective***

**4.** pertaining to [asceticism](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/asceticism).

**5.** rigorously abstinent; austere: *an ascetic existence.*

**6.** exceedingly strict or severe in religious exercises or self-mortification.

**Example Sentence:**
Successful applicants endured an ascetic routine of prayers and work from six in the morning until ten at night.

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**Word of the Day: 2/12/2015**

**serene**  [s*uh*-**reen**]

***PART OF SPEECH: adjective/noun***

**1.** calm, peaceful, or tranquil; unruffled: *a serene landscape; serene old age.*

**2.** clear; fair: *serene weather.*

**3.** ( *usually initial capital letter* ) most high or august (used as a royal epithet, usually preceded by *his, your,* etc.): *His Serene Highness.*

***noun***

**4.** [serenity](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/serenity); tranquillity.

**5.** *Archaic.* a clear or tranquil expanse of sea or sky.

**Example Sentence:** Her serene voice lulled him to sleep.

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**Word of the Day: 2/13/2015**

**abate**  [*uh*-**beyt**]

***PART OF SPEECH: verb***

**1.** to reduce in amount, degree, intensity, etc.; lessen; diminish

**2.** *Law.* **a.** to put an end to or suppress (a nuisance). **b.** to suspend or extinguish (an action). **c.** to annul (a writ).

**3.** to deduct or subtract: *to abate part of the cost.*

**4.** to omit: *to abate all mention of names.*

**5.** to remove, as in stone carving, or hammer down, as in metalwork, (a portion of a surface) in order to produce a figure or pattern in low relief.

 **Example Sentence:**
Acid rain began to **abate** when pollution contributing to it was limited.

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