**Word of the Day: 1/12/2015**

**spoony**

[**\ SPOO-nee \**]

**Part of speech: adjective**

*1. Foolish; silly; excessively sentimental.*

*2. Foolishly or sentimentally in love.*



**Example Sentence:**

*Nevertheless, because we're spoony old things at heart, we like to believe that some showbiz marriages are different.*

*-- Julie Burchill, "Cut!", The Guardian , February 7, 2001*

**Word of the Day: 1/13/2015**

**moribund**

[MOR-uh-bund]

**Part of speech: adjective**

1. In a dying state; dying; at the point of death.

2. Becoming obsolete or inactive.

**Example Sentence**:

*Perhaps this explained his solicitousness, his tender careful moist gaze, as if she were moribund .*

*-- Kathryn Harrison, The Binding Chair***Word of the Day: 1/14/2015**

**wastrel**

[WAY-struhl]

**Part of Speech: noun**

1. A person who wastes, especially one who squanders money; a spendthrift.
2. An idler; a loafer; a good-for-nothing.



**Example Sentence:**

*Was her father . . . the brilliant, glamorous figure she remembered, or the alcoholic wastrel his own brother described?*

*-- Jean Strouse, "Making the Facts Obey", New York Times , May 24, 1992*

**Word of the Day: 1/15/2015**

**apothegm**

[AP-uh-them]

**Part of Speech: noun**

*1*. A short, witty, and instructive saying.



**Example Sentence:**

*The rare talent of compressing a mass of profound thought into an apophthegm .*

*-- Henry Hart Milman, The History of Latin Christianity*

**Word of the Day: 1/16/2015**

**ostentatious**

[*ästənˈtāSHəs*]

**Part of Speech: adjective**

1. characterized by vulgar or pretentious display; designed to impress or attract notice.
2. "books that people buy and display ostentatiously but never actually finish"

**Example Sentence:**

*The Mardi Gras float featured an ostentatious depiction of a lion.*