**Word of the Day: 3/9/2015**

**vulnerable** [**vuhl**-ner-*uh*-b*uh*http://static.sfdict.com/dictstatic/dictionary/graphics/luna/thinsp.pnghttp://static.sfdict.com/dictstatic/dictionary/graphics/luna/thinsp.pngl]

***Part of speech: adjective***

1. capable of or susceptible to being wounded or hurt, as by a weapon: *a vulnerable part of the body.*

2. open to moral attack, criticism, temptation, etc.: *an argument vulnerable to refutation; He is vulnerable to bribery.*

3. (of a place) open to assault; difficult to defend: *a vulnerable bridge.*   
**Example Sentence:** The attack left the western part of the city vulnerable to further assaults.

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**Word of the Day: 3/10/2015**

**chicanery** [shi-**key**-n*uh*-ree, chi-]

***PART OF SPEECH: noun***

1. trickery or deception by quibbling or sophistry: *He resorted to the worst flattery and chicanery to win the* [*job*](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/job)*.*

2. a quibble or subterfuge used to trick, deceive, or evade.   
  
**Example Sentence**: The chicanery used by most students usually just gets them into more trouble.

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**WOW Word Wednesday: 3/11/2015**

**existential** [eg-zi-**sten**-sh*uh*http://static.sfdict.com/dictstatic/dictionary/graphics/luna/thinsp.pnghttp://static.sfdict.com/dictstatic/dictionary/graphics/luna/thinsp.pngl, ek-si-]

***PART OF SPEECH: adjective***

1. pertaining to or relating to [existence](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/existence), esp. human existence.

2. of, pertaining to, or characteristic of [existentialism](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/existentialism): *an existential* [*hero*](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/hero)*.*

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| 3. | Existentialism- n. a philosophical attitude that stresses the individual’s unique position in determining his or her own choices; |
| 4. | pertaining to what exists, and is thus known by experience rather than reason; empirical as opposed to theoretical |

Example Sentence: While other writers might present characters that are victims of fate, the characters in Hemingway’s books and other existential literature are responsible for their own fate.

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**Word of the Day: 3/12/2015**

**gregarious** [gri-**gair**-ee-*uh*http://static.sfdict.com/dictstatic/dictionary/graphics/luna/thinsp.pnghttp://static.sfdict.com/dictstatic/dictionary/graphics/luna/thinsp.pngs]

***PART OF SPEECH: adjective***

1. drawn to the company of others; sociable.

2. living in flocks or herds, as animals.

3. *Botany* . growing in open clusters or colonies; not matted together.

4. pertaining to a flock or crowd.

Example Sentence: Though he wasn’t very athletic, Jared’s gregarious nature made him want to be part of the baseball team. *Word selected using Spark Publishing Illustrated Vocabulary* *with the help of* Dictionary.com: <http://dictionary.com/>

**Word of the Day: 3/13/2015**

**embellish** [em-**bel**-ish]

***PART OF SPEECH: verb (used with object)***

1. to beautify by or as if by ornamentation; ornament; adorn.

2. to enhance (a statement or narrative) with fictitious additions.

Example Sentence: Since some embellishment tends to make true stories more enjoyable or entertaining, it is often difficult to decipher which aspects of the story are the true events.

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