**Word of the Day: 10/27/2014**

**macabre** [m*uh*-**kah**-br*uh*, -**kahb**,]

***Part of speech: adjective***

1. gruesome and horrifying; ghastly; horrible.

2. of, pertaining to, dealing with, or representing death, especially its grimmer or uglier aspect.

3. of or suggestive of the allegorical dance of death

Example Sentence: The museum housed a macabre collection of memorabilia from horror films.

**Word of the Day: 10/28/2014**

**labyrinth** [**lab**-*uh*-rinth]

***PART OF SPEECH: noun***1. an intricate combination of paths or passages in [which](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/which) it is difficult to find one's way or to reach the exit. ***Synonyms****:* maze, [network](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/network), web.   
2. a maze of paths bordered by high hedges, as in a park or garden, for the amusement of those who search for a way out.   
3. a complicated or tortuous arrangement, as of streets or buildings. ***Synonyms****:* warren, maze, jungle, snarl, tangle, knot.   
4. any confusingly intricate state of things or events; a bewildering complex.   
5. ( *initial capital letter* ) *Classical Mythology* . a vast maze built in Crete by Daedalus, at the command of King Minos, to house the Minotaur.

 Example Sentence: After the death of a loved one, she wandered in a labyrinth of sorrow for what seemed like a decade.

**WOW Word Wednesday: 10/29/2014** ****

**miasma** [mahy-**az**-m*uh]*

***PART OF SPEECH: noun***

1. noxious exhalations from putrescent organic matter; poisonous effluvia or [germs](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/germs) polluting the atmosphere.

2. a dangerous, foreboding, or deathlike influence or atmosphere.

Example Sentence: At times, when the water level changes it unleashes a miasma of disease from exposed sewage.

**Word of the Day: 10/30/2014**

**annihilate** [*uh*-**nahy**-*uh*-leyt]

***PART OF SPEECH: verb***

1. to reduce to utter ruin or nonexistence; destroy utterly

2. to destroy the collective existence or main body of; wipe out: *to annihilate an army.*

3. to annul; make void: *to annihilate a law.*

4. to cancel the effect of; nullify.

5. to defeat completely; vanquish: *Our basketball team annihilated the visiting team.*



Example Sentence: The heavy bombing annihilated every large building in the city.

**Word of the Day: 10/31/2014**

**malevolent** [m*uh*-**lev**-*uh*-l*uh*nt]

***PART OF SPEECH: adjective***

1. wishing evil or harm to another or others; showing ill will; ill-disposed; malicious: *His failures made him malevolent toward those who were successful.*

2. evil; harmful; injurious: *a malevolent inclination to destroy the* [*happiness*](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/happiness) *of others.*

Example Sentence: While Glinda was benevolent toward Dorothy, the Wicked Witch was malevolent to most everyone.

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