**Word of the Day: 9/22/2014**

**repudiate** /[ri-**pyoo**-dee-eyt]

***Part of speech: verb (used with object)***

1. to reject as having no authority or binding [force](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/force): *to repudiate a claim.*

2. to cast off or disown: *to repudiate a son.*3. to reject with disapproval or condemnation: *to repudiate a new doctrine.*
4. to reject with denial: *to repudiate a charge as untrue.*
5. to refuse to acknowledge and pay (a debt), as a state, municipality, etc.
Example Sentence: There is much controversy when someone repudiates a book based on subject matter.
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**Word of the Day: 9/23/2014**

**paradox**  [**par**-*uh*-doks]

***PART OF SPEECH: noun***

1. a statement or proposition that seems self-contradictory or absurd but in reality expresses a possible truth.

2. a self-contradictory and false proposition.
3. any person, thing, or situation exhibiting an apparently contradictory [nature](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/nature).
4. an opinion or statement contrary to commonly accepted opinion

Example sentence: The **paradox**, of course, is that many challenged or banned books are quite popular with readers.
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**WOW Word Wednesday: 9/24/2014**

**perspicacious** [pur-spi-**key**-sh*uh*s]

***PART OF SPEECH: adjective***

**1.** having keen mental perception and understanding; discerning: *to exhibit perspicacious judgment.*Example sentence:A perspicacious reader understands that the underlying themes and human conditions presented in novels may often be bound up
in unfortunate situations.
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**Word of the Day: 9/25/2014**

**infinitesimal** [in-fin-i-**tes**-*uh*-m*uh*l]

***PART OF SPEECH: adjective***1. indefinitely or exceedingly small; minute: *infinitesimal vessels in the* [*circulatory system*](http://dictionary.reference.com/browse/circulatory%2Bsystem)*.*

2. immeasurably small; less than an assignable quantity: *to an infinitesimal degree.*

3. of, pertaining to, or involving infinitesimals.

*Part of Speech: noun*

4. an infinitesimal quantity.

5. *Mathematics* . a variable having zero as a limit.

Example Sentence: Sometimes the reason books are banned or challenged concerns only an infinitesimal part of the story.

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**Word of the Day: 9/26/2014**

**eloquent** [ˈe-lə-kwənt]

***PART OF SPEECH: adjective***

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| 1.  | (of speech, writing, etc.) characterized by fluency and persuasiveness  |
| 2.  | visibly or vividly expressive, as of an emotion: *an eloquent yawn*  |

Example Sentence: Even grand and eloquent pieces of literature have been challenged or banned in America.

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