**Word of the Day: 9/15/2014**

**rident**

[RAHYD-nt]



**Part of speech: adjective**

## laughing; smiling; cheerful.

**Example Sentence:**

He flashed her a smile, but she didn't miss the fact that this rident expression did nothing to alter the bleakness in his eyes.

*-- Elizabeth George, Deception on His Mind , 1997*

**Word of the Day: 9/16/2014**

**prevaricator**

[pri-VAR-i-key-ter]

**Part of speech: noun**

## 1. a person who speaks falsely; liar.

## 2. a person who speaks so as to avoid the precise truth; quibbler; equivocator.

**Example Sentence**:

"Whose words are now false? You twist-tonguedprevaricator , did I not see with these very eyes thatman you speak of save you from those three peasants—”

*-- Rebecca Reisert, The Third Witch , 2001*

**Word of the Day: 9/17/2014**

**pettifogger**

[PET-ee-fog-ur]

**Part of Speech: noun**

**1.** A petty, unscrupulous lawyer; a shyster.

**2.** A person who quibbles over trivia.

**Example Sentence:**

A more respectable-looking individual was never seen; he really looked what he was, a gentleman of the law-- there was nothing of the pettifogger about him.

-- George Borrow, Lavengro

**Word of the Day: 9/18/2014**

**scintilla**

[*sin-TIL-uh*]

**Part of Speech: noun**

1. *A tiny or scarcely detectable amount; the slightest particle; a trace; a spark.*



**Example Sentence:**

*In victory, they must hold on to at least a scintilla of humility, lest they get too cocky -- and ripe for a take down.*

*-- Bill Breen, "We are literally trying to stop time", Fast Company , May 2000*

**Word of the Day: 9/19/2014**

**interregnum**

[*in-tuhr-REG-nuhm*]

**Part of Speech: noun**

**1.** The interval between two reigns; any period when a state is left without a ruler.

**2.** A period of freedom from authority or during which government functions are suspended.

**3.** Any breach of continuity in an order; a lapse or interval in a continuity.

**Example Sentence:**

*They were at the moment enjoying a sort of interregnum from Roman authority.*

*-- Frederic William Farrar, Life of St. Paul 2002*