**Word of the Day: 9/2/2014**

**celerity**

**[suh-LAIR-uh-tee]**

**Part of speech: noun**

## 1. Rapidity of motion or action; quickness; swiftness.



**Example Sentence:**

Though not in the best of physical form, he was capable of moving with celerity.

*-- Malachy McCourt, A Monk Swimming: A Memoir*

**Word of the Day: 9/3/2014**

**extol**

 [**ik-STOHL**]

**Part of speech: transitive verb**

## **1.** To praise highly; to glorify; to [exalt](http://dictionary.reference.com/wordoftheday/archive/1999/09/25.html).



**Example Sentence**:

The processes of nature, which most writers extol as symbols of renewal and eternal life, were always seen darkly by Kerouac.

*-- Ellis Amburn, Subterranean Kerouac: The Hidden Life of Jack Kerouac*

**Word of the Day: 9/4/2014**

**malediction**

[**mal-uh-DIK-shun**]

**Part of Speech: noun**

1. A curse or execration.



**Example Sentence:**

There Justice Minister Bola Ige, confronted with the general incivility of local police, placed a malediction on the cads. Said the Hon. Bola Ige, "I pray that God will make big holes in their pockets."

-- "Sic Semper Tyrannis! Oppressors Face People's Justice", American Spectator , May 1, 2001

**Word of the Day: 9/5/2014**

**expatiate**

[**ek-SPAY-shee-ayt**]

**Part of Speech: intransitive verb**

## 1. To speak or write at length or in considerable detail.

2. To move about freely; to wander.

**Example Sentence:**

He had told her all he had been asked to tell--or all he meant to tell: at any rate he had been given abundant opportunity to expatiate upon a young man's darling subject--himself.

*-- Henry Blake Fuller, Bertram Cope's Year*