**Word of the Day: 9/8/2014**

## **forlorn**

## \ fur-LORN; for- \

## *adjective;*

## 1.  Sad and lonely because deserted, abandoned, or lost.

## 2.  Bereft; forsaken.

## 3.  Wretched or pitiful in appearance or condition.

## 4.  Almost hopeless; desperate.

Henry had felt guilty at abandoning his sister; he had married not once but twice, leaving Rose forlorn .

*-- Anita Brookner, Visitors*

*Word selected using* Dictionary.com: <http://dictionary.reference.com/>

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

## **levity**

## \ LEV-uh-tee \

## *Noun*

## 1.  Lightness of manner or speech, especially when inappropriate or excessive; frivolity.

## http://zxing.org/w/chart?cht=qr&chs=350x350&chld=L&choe=UTF-8&chl=http%3A%2F%2Fdictionary.reference.com%2Fbrowse%2Flevity%3Fs%3Dt2.  Lack of steadiness or constancy; changeableness.

They sat there in their formal bargeman's rig . . .looking solemn: they were part of a ceremony, and levity , winking, whispering, smiling, had no place in it.

*-- Patrick O'Brian, The Hundred Days*

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**WOW Word Wednesday: 9/10/2014**

## **peccadillo**

## \ peck-uh-DIL-oh \

## *Noun*

## 1.  A slight offense; a petty fault.

No peccadillo  is too trivial: we learn that the mogul once blew his top because his laundry came back starched (" 'Fluff and fold!' he screamed").

*-- Eric P. Nash, "High Concept", New York Times ,May 10, 1998*

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<http://dictionary.reference.com/>

**Word of the Day: 9/11/2014**

## **aspersion**

 \ uh-SPUR-zhuhn; -shuhn \

*noun*

**1.**A damaging or derogatory remark; slander.

**2.**The act of defaming or slandering.

**3.**A sprinkling with water, especially in religious ceremonies.

Orley had once been forced to resign from a local men's club for casting aspersions on the character of another member's wife.

*-- Thomas A. Underwood, Allen Tate: Orphan of the SouthWord selected using ACT PLAN EXPLORE Victory*’s vocabulary list with the help of Dictionary.com: <http://dictionary.reference.com/>

**Word of the Day: 9/12/2014**

## **ad infinitum**

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## \ ad in-fuh-NAHY-tuhm, ad in- \  ,

## *adverb;*

## 1.  to infinity; endlessly; without limit.

And so on and so on, not ad infinitum but for a period at least--the ten years in which he managed to live and work.

*-- Theodore Dreiser, Twelve Men , 1919*

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