

**February 2011
Word of the Day**

<p>January 31 admonish (v) to warn; caution (The doctor admonished me for taking risks with my health.) *Note: the prefix ad- means toward</p>	<p>February 1 duress (n) constraint by threat; coercion (The runner was last in the race. He began to feel great duress to get ahead of the other racers.) *Note: the root dur means hard</p>	<p>2 culprit (n) one charged with or guilty of a crime (As soon as he saw the broken window, he began to look for the culprit.) *Note: the root culp means blame, fault</p>	<p>3 inexorable (adj) not capable of being persuaded by entreaty; unyielding; relentless (As enjoyable as autumn was, the inexorable advance of the seasons meant that the cold of winter would have to come soon.) *Note: the root ora means to speak</p>	<p>4 egregious (adj) bad or offensive; remarkably bad, outstandingly bad (I believe that the most egregious mistake the couple made was not spending enough time seriously planning for a lifetime together in marriage.) *Note: the root greg means flock or herd. **This word literally means 'standing out from the herd'</p>
<p>7 distraught (adj) deeply agitated; mad; insane (Betty was distraught when her boyfriend broke up with her on her birthday.)</p>	<p>8 duplicity (n) deliberate deceptiveness; double-dealing; state of being twofold or double (The officer interviewed the witness for over an hour, and did not sense any duplicity in his statement.) *Note: the root dupl means two</p>	<p>9 acrimonious (adj) bitter and sharp in language or tone; rancorous (There was an acrimonious debate between the two candidates.)</p>	<p>10 paucity (n) smallness of number; fewness; scarcity; dearth (Some third world countries have a paucity of natural resources.)</p>	<p>11 elicit (v) to bring or draw out; educe; to arrive at (a truth, for example) by logic; to bring to light (Her tears elicited great sympathy from her audience.)</p>
<p>14 pernicious (adj) tending to cause death or serious injury; deadly; causing great harm; destructive (The pernicious virus almost</p>	<p>15 tolerate (v) to allow without prohibiting or opposing; permit; to put up with (We must tolerate the religions of others.)</p>	<p>16 construe (v) to explain the meaning of; interpret (Her silence was construed as agreement.) *Note: the root</p>	<p>17 impunity (n) exemption from punishment, penalty, or harm (He got impunity from the crime he committed.)</p>	<p>18 affluent (adj) generously supplied; prosperous or rich; plentiful; abundant; flowing freely; copious (Bill Gates has</p>

wiped out the entire community. Pernicious rumors can hurt a person's reputation.)		stru means a building or pattern		been very affluent ever since he opened Microsoft.) *Note: the root flu means to flow
21 NO SCHOOL	22 feasible (adj) capable of being accomplished or brought about; possible; suitable; logical; likely (I look to you as a role model considering you make it seem as if everything is feasible.)	23 discern (v) to perceive with the eyes or intellect; detect; recognize or comprehend mentally (In the twilight, it was almost impossible to discern individual figures on the beach.) *Note: the root cern means to separate, to distinguish	24 sally (v) to rush out or leap forth suddenly; to set out on a trip or excursion (The retired sailor sallied forth to see the world.)	25 consternation (n) a state of paralyzing dismay; a feeling of anxiety, dread, or confusion (A look of consternation on the child's face caused her parents to panic.)
February 28 precocious (adj) manifesting or characterized by unusually early development or maturity (Such a precocious child! He is able to name all of the states and their capitals and he is only three years old.) *Note: the prefix pre- means before	March 1 perfunctory (adj) done routinely and with little interest or care (The operator answered the phone with a perfunctory greeting.) *Note: the prefix per- means through *Note: the root fungi means to perform	2 chagrin (n) a keen feeling of mental unease, as of annoyance or embarrassment, caused by failure, disappointment, or a disconcerting event (To her chagrin, the party ended just as she arrived.)	3 perverse (adj) directed away from what is right or good; persisting in an error or fault; wrongly stubborn; cranky (When I correct my brother's math errors, he is perverse enough to insist that he is right.) *Note: the prefix per- means through *Note: the root verse means to turn	4 deride (v) to speak of or treat with contempt, mockery, or ridicule; scoff or jeer at (The prosecutor tried to deride my testimony, but the truth was heard.)