

**log-o-phile** /'lɒgəˌfɪl/ : noun. A lover of words

**Question:** *How can I learn new vocabulary that I will use in academic writing and everyday life?*

You are going to start your own individual collection of vocabulary words in a *moleskin*. Why? The hope is that you will find sophisticated words that you will use again in your speech and writing. Not because you have been told, but because you like them! You will collect these words and share them with others. On occasion, you will be asked to use them in your writing or speech.

How?

- As you read, record words that you are not familiar with by writing them on a bookmark. Keep this bookmark in your binder at all times. I will provide you with this bookmark.
- 1:1- Create a document on your desktop labelled "new vocab". Have it open and ready for new words you discover.

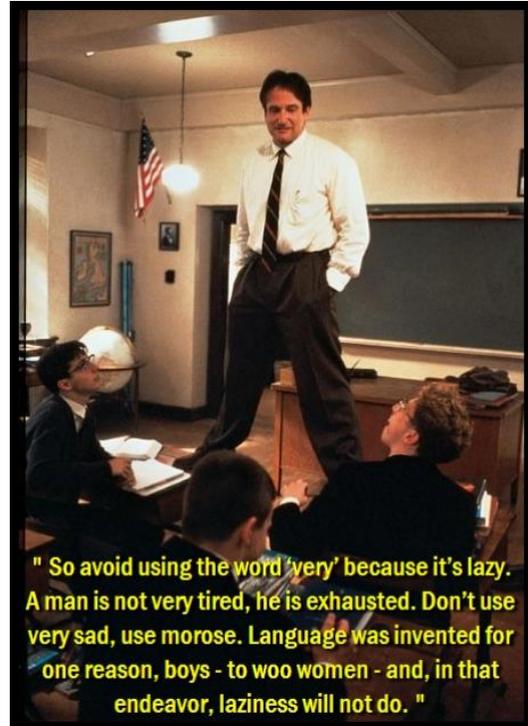
What?

- Choose words that are about a **level two** in sophistication and have some use to you. Eg. Vivacious, strenuous, amplify, immured
  - Words you cannot use are level one words like *cat*, or level three words like *fimriated* or *numismatist*. You shouldn't use silly words you would never use again such as *geebung* [an Australian shrub]

### Exploring Your Words

Every week or two, you will be asked to choose 4 words from your bookmark to explore. You must:

1. Divide your page into four.
2. Write the vocab word in colour
3. Part of speech must be correctly identified **and** a dictionary definition
4. Where you found/heard the level 2 word.
5. **ONE** of the following tasks
  - a. A creative "showing" of the sentence that makes use of the word in such a context that someone could guess the word's meaning. A showing sentence has an action verb, (not a telling verb, like **was, is, are, am, were, be, been**). Eg. Legacy- A legacy of the Ancient Roman civilization was their dome shaped buildings. Vancouver's BC Place is based on these architectural ideas.



- b. A "stickfigure" drawing of a dialogue bubble or caption. The bubble or caption uses the word
- c. Three different but related words. This does not mean adding a prefix or suffix to the word like un- or -ing or -s. A different but related word means it shares the root of its word with three other words. Eg. Fortitude- fortress, fortify, forte.
- d. Two synonyms and two antonyms for the vocab word.
- e. Other?

**Barter (verb)** to trade. I found this word on page 195 of *Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos. Showing sentence: When their van was too full, Frank and Mike (The known Pickers) bartered with the farmer, trading their big items for some smaller ones.

**Gilded (adj)** covered or highlighted with gold. Found on page 196 of *Dead End in Norvelt*.

Stick figure drawing: A stick figure labeled "Mike" holds a sword. A speech bubble says: "With my gilded sword I shall fight the enemy!"

**Tirade (noun)** a long, bitter-sounding speech. Found on page 202 of *Dead End in Norvelt*. Drawing: A yellow speech bubble with a sad face. Text: "She's so mad that when she finds her voice again, I'm sure she's going to deliver a tirade."

**Attribute (verb)** to regard as resulting from a specific cause. My wife said this word while we were walking the dogs.

**Related Words:**  
Tributary  
Contribution  
Retribution  
Tribute

**Deprive (verb)** to remove or withhold something from the enjoyment or possession of another person. Found on page 4 of *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway.

**Aerositic Sentence:** Don't ever purposely remove the icing from Valma's éclair.

**Cantankerous (adj.)** disagreeable to deal with. My neighbor used this word to describe her mother.

**Antonyms:** pacifying, agreeable  
**Synonyms:** contentious, peevish

**Vague (adj)** not clearly or explicitly stated or expressed. Found on page 16 of *The Sun Also Rises*.

**Haiku:**  
His vague expressions (5 syllables)  
Left me utterly confused. (7 syllables)  
Help me understand (5 syllables)

**Gentile / genteel (adj)** belonging or suited to polite society. French → English. Found on page 52 of *The Sun Also Rises*. Drawing: Two genteel ladies playing cards with two shady characters.