

Joy of Vocab #10

Ad hominem- appealing to a listener's or reader's prejudices, rather than to reason

Ad infinitum- endlessly; forever; without limit

Ad nauseam- to a sickening degree; to the point of nausea or disgust

Alfresco- in the open air; outdoors

Arrivederci- till we see each other again; good-bye

Au revoir- till we see each other again; good-bye

Auf wiedersehen- till we see each other again; good bye

Chutzpah- supreme self-confidence; shameless audacity; nerve; brazenness

De rigueur- socially obligatory; required by custom, etiquette, or fashion; proper

Entre nous- between us; confidentially

Faux pas- error; social blunder; tactless act

Hoi polloi- masses; common people

In medias res- in the middle of things, rather than at the beginning

Kudos- praise for an achievement; glory; fame

Non compos mentis- not of sound mind; not mentally competent to handle one's affairs

Non sequitur- comment bearing no relevance to what has just been said

Persona non grata- person who is unwelcome; unacceptable person

Post mortem- detailed evaluation of some event just completed

Salaam- bow very low, placing the right palm on the forehead

Shalom- term of greeting or farewell