

Vocabulary List #4

Baroque- Of, relating to, or characteristic of a style in art and architecture developed in Europe from the early 17th to mid-18th century, emphasizing dramatic, often strained effect and typified by bold, curving forms, elaborate ornamentation, and overall balance of disparate parts. (extravagant, elaborate, ornate)

Barrister- A lawyer admitted to plead at the bar in the superior courts.

Bauble- A small, showy ornament of little value; a trinket.

Beatific- Showing or producing exalted joy or blessedness: a beatific smile. (Religiously happy)

Bellicose- Warlike in manner or temperament; pugnacious

Benign- Of a kind and gentle disposition.

Biennial- adjective- Lasting or living for two years. Noun.- An event that occurs every two years.

Bigotry- The attitude, state of mind, or behavior characteristic of a bigot; intolerance.

Bland- Characterized by a moderate, unperturbed, or tranquil quality, especially:
Pleasant in manner; smooth: a bland smile.
Not irritating or stimulating; soothing: a bland diet.
Exhibiting no personal worry, embarrassment, or concern: told a series of bland lies.
Dull and insipid: a bland little drama.
Having little or no distinctive flavor: bland cooking.

Blithe- Carefree and lighthearted.

Boisterous- Rough and stormy; violent. (Noisy and confusing with activity)

Bombastic- Grandiloquent, pompous speech or writing. (Pretentious)

Bouillon- A clear thin broth made typically by simmering beef or chicken in water with seasonings.

Braggadocio- A braggart.

Brazen- Marked by flagrant and insolent audacity. (bold, shameless)

Brochure- A small booklet or pamphlet, often containing promotional material or product information.

Bucolic- Of or characteristic of the countryside or its people; rustic, rural.

Buxom- Healthily plump and ample of figure: "A generation ago, fat babies were considered healthy and buxom actresses were popular, but society has since come to worship thinness"

Cache-
a. A hiding place used especially for storing provisions.
b. A place for concealment and safekeeping, as of valuables.
c. A store of goods or valuables concealed in a hiding place: maintained a cache of food in case of emergencies.

Cacophony- Jarring, discordant sound; dissonance: heard a cacophony of horns during the traffic jam.