

Pastor's Bosom Buddies

excellent words for exceptional students



1. affable n.

Easy and pleasant to speak to; approachable; amiable
The popular performer was known for his unusual affability.

2. pejorative adj.

Tending to make or become worse. *noun form*: A disparaging or belittling word or expression.
They sneeringly called him "Shorty" as a pejorative reference to his slight stature.

3. excoriate v.

To censure strongly; denounce. *noun form*: excoriation
Jesus excoriated the supercilious Pharisees in the gospel of Matthew.

4. contemplative n.

A member of a religious order that emphasizes meditation.
adj. form A member of a religious order that emphasizes meditation.
Medieval monasticism emphasized a contemplative lifestyle.

5. capacious adj.

Capable of containing a large quantity; spacious or roomy.
The new addition provided a capacious working area for his many computer peripherals

6. altruism n.

Unselfish concern for the welfare of others; selflessness
The altruistic efforts of the missionaries was exemplary.

7. capitulate v.

To surrender under specified conditions; come to terms
The demoralized Japanese forces finally capitulated after the Hiroshima bombing.

8. bromide n.

A commonplace remark or notion; a platitude; cliché
His bromidic sermons induced a somnolent atmosphere every week.

9. salvo n.

A simultaneous discharge of firearms. A sudden outburst, as of cheers or praise.
A forceful verbal or written assault.
The political pundit delivered a vitriolic salvo against the EPA.

10. idyll n.

1 A short poem or prose piece depicting a rural or pastoral scene, usually in idealized terms. b.
2. A scene or an event of a simple and tranquil nature.
The verdant, pastoral scenery was idyllic.