

Pastor's Bosom Buddies

excellent words for exceptional students



1. oxymoron n.

A rhetorical figure in which incongruous or contradictory terms are combined, as in a deafening silence and a mournful optimist.

The advertisement for “jumbo shrimp” was oxymoronic.

2. tertiary adj.

Third in place, order, degree, or rank.

The colors were classified as primary, secondary and tertiary.

3. tangential adj.

Of, relating to, or moving along or in the direction of a tangent.. Merely touching or slightly connected. Only superficially relevant; divergent

His prosecution of the argument was tangential and so he lost the decision.

4. voluminous adj.

Having great volume, fullness, size, or number. Ample or lengthy in speech or writing

His encyclopedic knowledge aided his voluminous writings on history.

5. tome n.

One of the books in a work of several volumes. A book, especially a large or scholarly one.

His library was filled with weighty tomes of systematic theology.

6. prescience n.

Knowledge of actions or events before they occur; foresight.

The prophet was endowed with prescience and could foretell the end result.

7. hackneyed adj.

Overfamiliar through overuse; trite

His hackneyed bromides created ennui every time he spoke.

8. sacrosanct adj..

Regarded as sacred and inviolable.

The attending of Sunday service was to him sacrosanct.

9. sobriquet n.

An affectionate or humorous nickname.

The fans called him “the Babe”; a sobriquet he warmly embraced.

10. peripatetic adj..

Walking about or from place to place; traveling on foot. *noun form*: an itinerant

The apostles were sent forth on their peripatetic ministry throughout Asia.