

# Pastor's Bosom Buddies

*excellent words for exceptional students*



1. pedestrian adj.

Undistinguished; ordinary; dull; prosaic; mundane

She performed the pedestrian tasks of motherhood with alacrity

2. recriminate v.

1. To accuse in return. To counter one accusation with another.

The guilty student recriminated the other students that indicted him.

3. expatriate v.

1. To send into exile. banish. 2. To remove (oneself) from residence in one's native land.

—intr. 1. To give up residence in one's homeland.

The Shah of Iran was expatriated before the dissidents could kill him.

4. aficionado n.

An enthusiastic admirer or follower; a devotee or a fan

He was a punk rock aficionado.

5. aberration n.

1. A deviation from the proper or expected course. heresy

His aberrant teachings on the doctrine of the trinity merited his censure from the counsel.

6. minutiae n.

1. A small or trivial detail

The science teacher belabored the point with senseless minutiae.

7. cognate n..

1. One related by blood or origin with another, especially a person sharing an ancestor with another. 2. A word related to one in another language

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8. cognition n.

1. The mental process or faculty of knowing, including aspects such as awareness, perception, reasoning, and judgment. cognizant adj.

After he suffered the head trauma he was not cognizant for several days.

9. denigrate v.

1. To attack the character or reputation of; speak ill of; defame. 2. To disparage; to slight; impugn

The arrogant elitist denigrated the role of the common housewife.

10. sequester v.

1. To cause to withdraw into seclusion. To remove or set apart; segregate; isolate

The jury was sequestered so that their opinions could not be influenced by the media.