




AWESOME STORIES

VISUAL VOCABULARY BUILDER

THE GIRL WITH THE DRAGON TATTOO

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Allegorical* - (1) using characters/events as symbols for truths or observations about life; (2) symbolic representations in art

- Allegory – noun
During the 14th century, an Italian artist painted a fresco in Sienna, Italy called “Allegory of Bad Government.”
- Allegorical – adjective
Ambrogio Lorenzetti created his allegorical work in the very place where Sienna’s government officials met.
- Allegories – noun (plural)
Lorenzetti envisioned two allegories – one for good government and one for bad.
- Allegorically – adverb
The artist allegorically reminds government officials they have a choice to govern well or govern poorly.



*Allegorical – See Chapter 4 (Sources for Mikael Blomkvist)

Archipelago* - (1) a group of islands; (2) a group, or scattering, of similar things

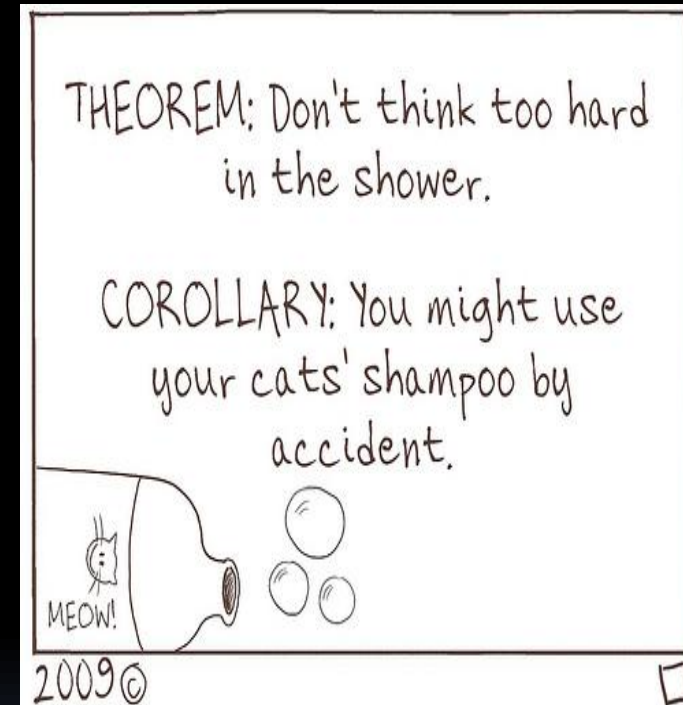
- Archipelago – noun
Stockholm is an archipelago of fourteen separate Islands, located in Sweden, where Lake Malaren meets the Baltic Sea.
- Archipelago - noun
Stockholm is just a small part of a much larger archipelago which includes about 24,000 islands.
- Archipelagic – adjective
Stockholm is an archipelagic city.



* Archipelago – See Chapter 6 (Pictures – *The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo*)

Corollary* - (1) a naturally flowing result; (2) proposition immediately inferred from something proven with little (or no) further proof

- Corollary – noun
If a person is totally distracted, and not paying close attention, it follows that something bad could result. For example: The corollary to texting while driving is the potential for a very bad accident.
- Corollaries – noun, plural
In the world of math and philosophy, corollaries abound.



*Corollary – See Chapter 4 (Sources for Mikael Blomkvist)

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Idyllic* - (1) simple and charming; (2) peace and contentment in a rural setting

- Idyllic – adjective
We can find many idyllic places throughout Sweden, especially during the summer.
- Idyllic – adjective
Stieg Larsson, author of the “Millenium Trilogy,” spent the first eight years of his life in an idyllic, rural setting in northern Sweden.
- Idyllically – adverb
Idyllically located, near a river and expansive fields of grass, Grandpa’s wooden cabin was a very inviting place to live (or visit).



* Idyllic – See Chapter 2 (Behind the Scenes)

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Legacy* - (1) something left by someone who has died; (2) a gift (“bequest”) given via a Last Will & Testament

- Legacy – noun
Stieg Larsson’s legacy to the world is his “Millenium Trilogy,” a series of three books about a Swedish girl whose back sports a dragon tattoo.
- Legacy – noun
Stieg Larsson died without a Last Will, so his legal legacy will be decided by a court of law.
- Legacies – noun, plural
People also create non-financial legacies, for family and friends, such as joyful memories.



*Legacy – See Chapter 4 (Sources for Mikael Blomkvist)

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Multiculturalism* - incorporating many different cultures into one nation or organization

- Multiculturalism – noun
Canada, with its two languages – French and English - is a country known for its multiculturalism.
- Multiculturally – adverb
Canadians view their country multiculturally.
- Multicultural – adjective
The United Nations is a multicultural Organization.



*Multiculturalism – See Chapter 3 (*Expo – Stieg’s Real-Life Magazine*)

Sociopath* - someone who is antisocial or displays antisocial behavior

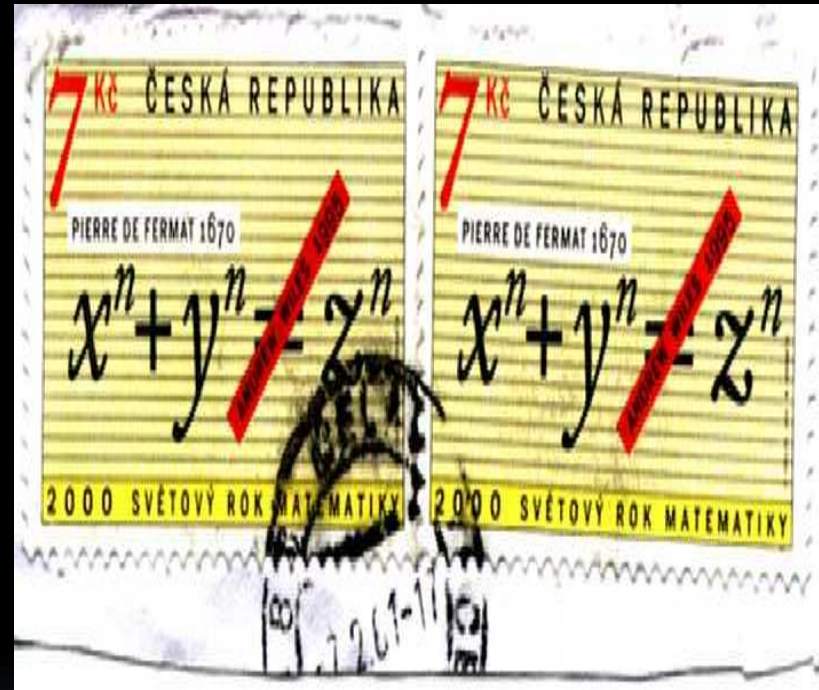
- Sociopathic – adjective
During the time of Hitler – when Germany's national government was known as "The Third Reich" – soldiers under Nazi control displayed sociopathic behavior.
- Sociopath – noun
Did the young boy, in this picture, believe that a sociopath was aiming a weapon at him?
- Sociopathically - adverb
Viewing others sociopathically led Hitler, and his followers, to treat others with great disrespect.



*Sociopath – See Chapter 5 (Sources for Lisbeth Salander)

Theorem* - a proposition, which is not self-evident, proved by a chain of reasoning – for example, Fermat's Last Theorem

- Theorem – noun
Fermat's Last Theorem puzzled the world's leading mathematicians for centuries.
- Theorem – noun
Lisbeth Salander knew that a British professor had solved Fermat's Last Theorem, but she wanted to try to solve it herself – just for fun.



*Theorem – See Chapter 7 (Pictures – “The Girl Who Played with Fire”)

Vandalized* - property damaged by willful or malicious actions

- Vandals – noun
When Germany was run by a Nazi government, vandals who maliciously destroyed property owned by Jewish people were not punished for their bad behavior.
- Vandalized– adjective
Many Jewish businesses were vandalized, in November of 1938, during a nationwide event known as “The Night of Broken Glass.”
- Vandalism – noun
Hitler, and his Nazi-controlled government, encouraged vandalism against Jewish businesses and synagogues.



*Vandalized – See Chapter 3 (*Expo – Stieg’s Real-Life Magazine*)

Vulnerable* - having the potential to be physically or emotionally harmed or wounded

- Vulnerable – adjective
A baby is a vulnerable human being.
- Vulnerability – noun
A baby's vulnerability requires that all the child's needs are met by responsible care-givers.
- Vulnerably – adverb
Vulnerably placed in the hands of someone, a baby is at the mercy of the person in whose arms she rests.



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