




# AWESOME STORIES

## VISUAL VOCABULARY BUILDER

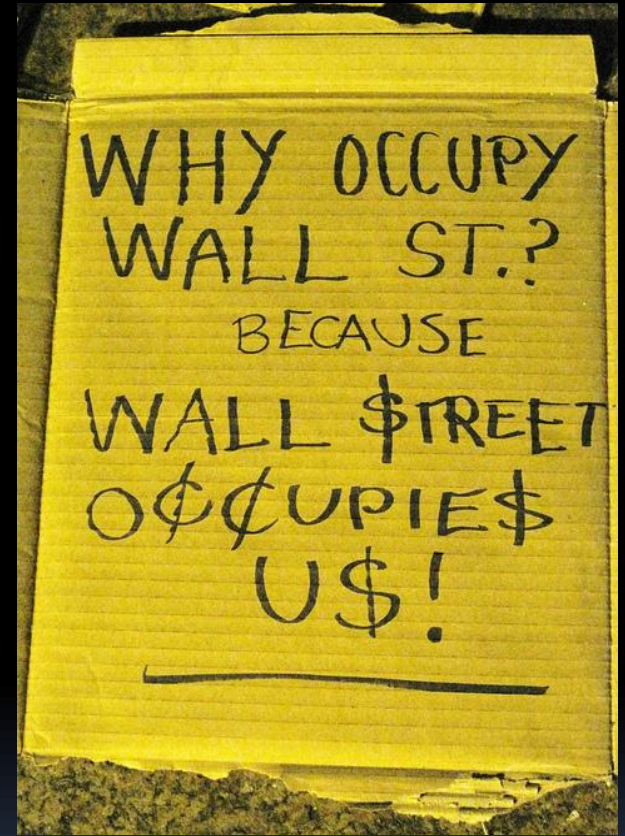
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Agitate\* - (1) to stir-up interest in a cause;  
(2) to become upset about worrisome news

- Agitate – verb (first meaning)  
To agitate interest in a cause, people create signs and gather in public places.
- Agitators – noun (first meaning)  
Leaders of a movement are sometimes known as agitators.
- Agitating – adjective (first meaning)  
Agitating signs provide clever slogans “for the cause.”
- Agitation – noun (second meaning)  
Her agitation, about the worrisome news, was visible to all of us.



\* Agitate – See Chapter 3 (Dharavi and the Slums of Mumbai)

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# Cesspool\* - (1) covered hole or pit receiving liquid waste or sewage; (2) a filthy, corrupt place

- Cesspool – noun (first meaning)  
Before septic tanks or sewer systems were invented to receive human waste, a cesspool did the job.
- Cesspool - noun (first meaning)  
Water flowing into (or out of) a cesspool often smells really bad.
- Cesspools – noun, plural (first meaning)  
Standing water in cesspools can be a source of disease.
- Cesspool – noun (second meaning)  
During the time of “Boss Tweed,” New York’s Tammany Hall was a cesspool of corruption.



## \* Cesspool – See Chapter 3 (Dharavi and the Slums of Mumbai)

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# Communal\* - shared, in common, by members of a community

- Communal – adjective  
In many parts of the world, people get their water not from a convenient tap in their home but from a communal water source.
- Communally – adverb  
People often have to walk long distances to fetch communally shared water.
- Communal – adjective  
The old town of Damascus has a community source of water, including a communal drinking cup.

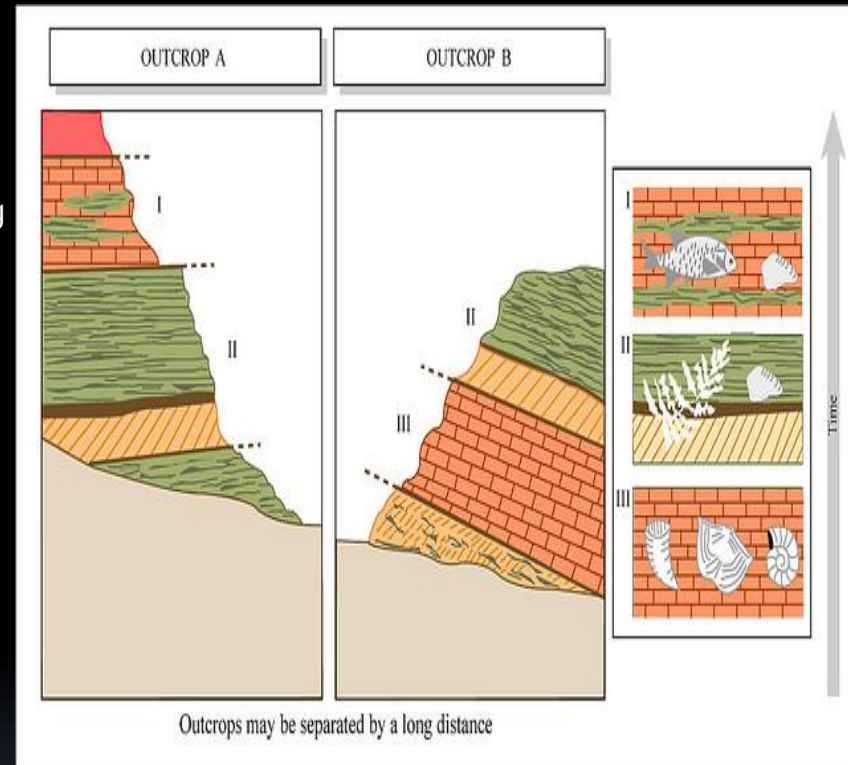


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# Correlate\* - (1) to relate or compare two or more things; (2) a relationship in which one part (or person) relates to another

- Correlate – verb  
Scientists can correlate sedimentary rocks – like those in “Outcrop A” and “Outcrop B” – by comparing fossils they find in the various layers.
- Correlating – adjective  
Correlating layers of sedimentary rocks include the same types of fossils.
- Correlator – noun  
Fossilized ferns were a key correlator in identifying the second outcrop layer.
- Correlation – noun  
We see a correlation of fossilized ferns in the second layers of both “Outcrop A” and “Outcrop B.”



## \* Correlate – See Chapter 6 (Jai Ho!)

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# Deteriorated\* - a breaking down, or worsening, of conditions

- Deteriorated – verb  
After the Vancouver Canucks (a Canadian hockey team) lost a playoff game to the Boston Bruins (an American hockey team), conditions among upset fans deteriorated dramatically.
- Deterioration – noun  
Police who investigated the mob scene wondered whether the deterioration of events was planned or spontaneous.
- Deteriorating – adjective  
Sometimes deteriorating circumstances cannot be contained before mob action takes over.



## \*Deteriorated – See Chapter 4 (Anti-Muslim Riots in Dharavi)

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# Disintegration\* - (1) to shatter, reducing to fragments; (2) to lose cohesion or unity

- Disintegrators – noun, plural (first meaning)  
When members of the 4<sup>th</sup> Crusade captured Constantinople in 1204, they were disintegrators who burned the Imperial Library and reduced the city to ruins.
- Disintegration – noun (first meaning)  
The disintegration of the Imperial Library included the loss of many ancient sources which had been preserved throughout prior centuries.
- Disintegrating – adjective (second meaning)  
When armies cause massive destruction, like the 4<sup>th</sup> Crusade did in Constantinople, such actions have a potentially disintegrating effect on the people who endured the trauma.



## \*Disintegration – See Chapter 4 (Anti-Muslim Riots in Dharavi)

- NOTE: 1840 painting, by Eugène Delacroix, entitled *The Entry of the Crusaders into Constantinople*.

# Dislocated\* - displaced; moving from one location to another (usually unwanted or unintended)

- Dislocated – adjective  
During the Great Depression, dislocated families were uprooted from their homes due to loss of jobs and resulting lack of income.
- Dislocation – noun  
Elderly people, who thought their retirement was secure, also endured dislocation from family homes they had loved.
- Dislocate - verb  
To dislocate meant leaving behind many family possessions.



\*Dislocated – See Chapter 3 (Dharavi and the Slums of Mumbai)

- Note: Photo from the collection taken by photographers, commissioned by the Federal Government, to document the impact of the Great Depression on American families. Many of those photos were then printed in magazines, such as *LIFE*.

# Incredulous\* - unwilling, or unable, to believe; skeptical

- Incredulous – adjective  
Pau Gasol - playing basketball for the LA Lakers - is incredulous at a referee's call, refusing to believe that he'd caused a foul.
- Incredulously – adverb  
Pau Gasol incredulously stares at the referee, in disbelief that he committed a foul.



\*Incredulous – See Chapter 6 (Jai Ho!)

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# Phenomenon\* - an exceptional, unusual or extraordinary event or individual

- Phenomenon – noun  
On rare occasions, a rainbow halo appears around the sun. Such an occurrence is known as an “optical phenomenon.”
- Phenomenal– adjective  
The appearance of a rainbow halo around the sun is a phenomenal event.
- Phenomenally – adverb  
Halos around the sun create a phenomenally beautiful scene.

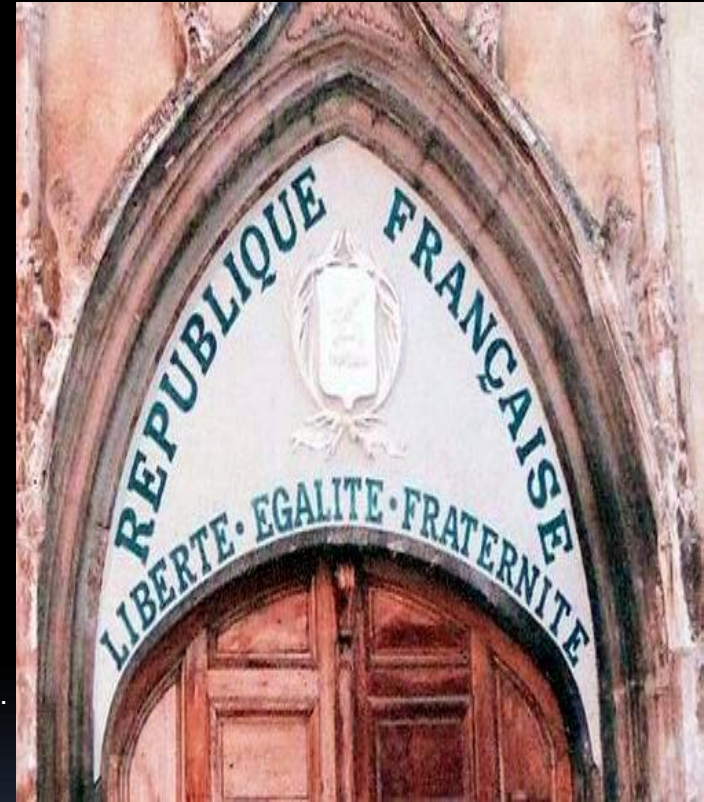


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# Secularism\* - (1) separation of church and state; (2) indifference to - or rejection/exclusion of - religion/religious considerations

- Secularism – noun – (first meaning):  
A church in France – a country where secularism is highly valued - has a sign above its door promoting the separation of church and State. The words, in English, are: “Republic of France – Liberty, Equality and Fraternity.”
- Secular– adjective – (first meaning):  
France, like other countries throughout the world where there is a separation of church and state, maintains a secular society.
- Secularist – noun – (second meaning):  
A secularist believes that religion has little, or no, place in everyday life.
- Secularistic – adjective – (first meaning)  
Children studying in American public schools receive a secularistic education.



\*Secularism – See Chapter 4 (Anti-Muslim Riots in Dharavi)