

VISUAL VOCABULARY BUILDER FOR *MONEYBALL*

bumbling ♥ coincidence ♥ contention ♥ copious ♥ derisive
♥ gloat ♥ intuition ♥ maneuver ♥ momentum ♥ sabermetrics

Bumbling* ♡ confused



- Bumbling – adjective
- The bumbling figure in the painting was totally confused by the image he saw.

- Bumbled – verb
- Instead of playing well, the team bumbled about on the field.

- Bumbler - noun
- You bumbler!! What were you *thinking*?!
- *Bumbling – see the Preface Chapter

Coincidence* ♡

Connected events happen by accident



- Coincide– verb
- Grandma didn't know her visit would coincide with his birthday party.
- Coinciding – adjective
- No one expected those coinciding events to happen on the same day!
- Coincidence – noun
- The boy was stunned his mother knew what he wanted without first asking him. What a splendid coincidence!

* Coincidence – see Chapter 5 (20-Game Winning Streak)

Contention* ♡ point made in a debate or argument



- Contending – adjective
- Contending he was right, Billy could not prove his position to the satisfaction of his scouts.
- Contend - verb
- Merely to contend the point does not necessarily make it true.
- Contention – noun
- The arguing men could not prove their individual points of contention.
- *Contention - see Chapter 3 (Bill James and Sabermetrics)

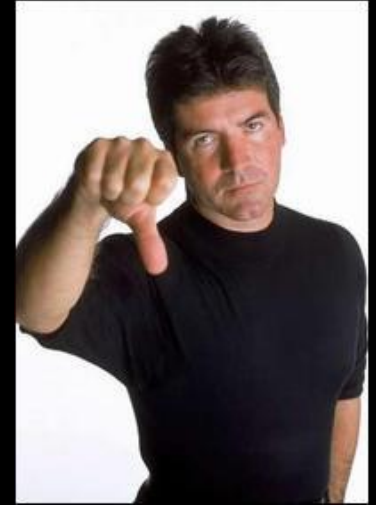
Copious* ♥ abundant

- Copious – adjective
- We saw copious amounts of snow.
- Copiously – adverb
- He copiously recorded snowfall statistics.
- Copiousness – noun
- Skiers worry when the copiousness of a mountain snowfall turns into an avalanche.
- *Copious - see Chapter 3 (Bill James and Sabermetrics)



Derisive* ♥ ridiculing or showing contempt

- Derisive – adjective
- Simon Cowell is known for his derisive comments.
- Derisively – adverb
- Sometimes Simon Cowell treats talent-show contestants derisively.
- Derisiveness – noun
- Simon Cowell is known for his ability to help talented singers and for his derisiveness toward untalented singers.



*Derisive – see Chapter 2 (Billy Beane and Paul DePodesta)

Gloat* ♥ thinking/acting with self-satisfied smugness

Gloated – verb

LSU fans gloated about their #1 status.

Gloater – noun

The gloater made no secret about his delight at the rankings.

Gloating – adjective

The gloating mascot's wide smile showed most of his teeth.

Gloatingly – adverb

He gloatingly shouted: "We're # 1!!"

Gloat – See Chapter 5 (20-Game Winning Streak)

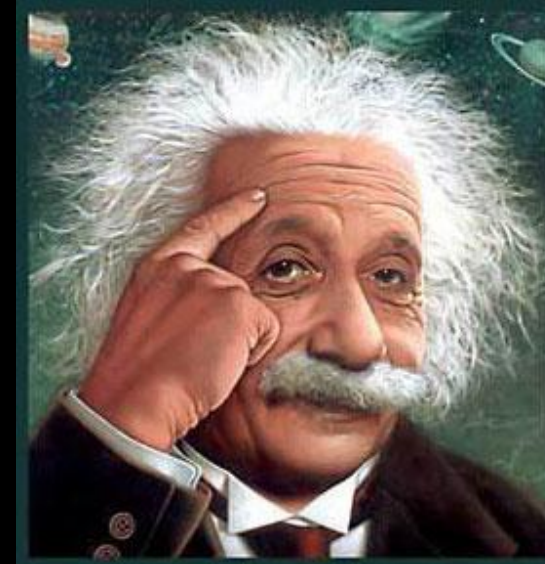


Intuition* ♥ Flash of Insight

- Intuition – noun (See Chapter 3)
- Albert Einstein's intuition about time
- changed the world.

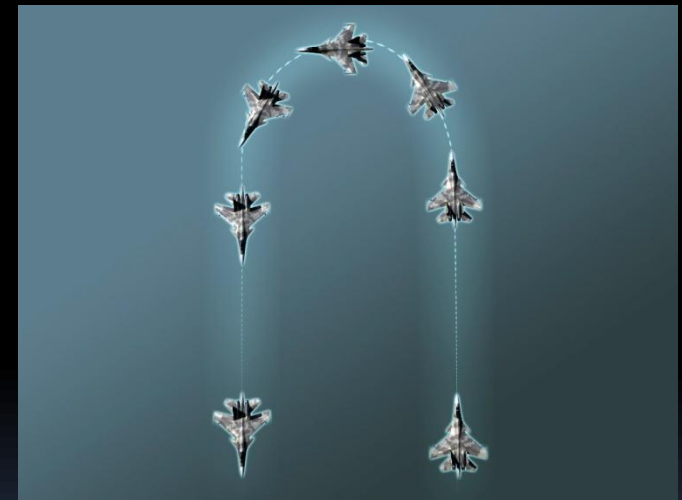
- Intuitively – adverb
- Einstein intuitively understood what no one else did. He wrote his first paper without footnotes.

- Intuitional – adjective
- Einstein's intuitional musings led to his Special Theory of Relativity.



Maneuver* ♥ intended/controlled movement from flying straight/level

- Maneuver – noun
- The maneuver he executed turned the plane 180 degrees.
- Maneuver – verb
- Turning the plane 180 degrees, he maneuvered into position.
- Maneuvering – adjective
- His maneuvering ability was deficient.
- *Maneuver – See Chapter 6 (Cory Lidle – Fatal Accident)



Momentum* ♡ gaining by a series of events

- Momentum – noun
- When the runners saw they
- were gaining ground, the
- momentum of the race
- turned in their favor.



*Momentum – See Chp 5 (20-Game Winning Streak)

Sabermetrics* ♥ Applying statistical analysis to baseball

Sabermetrics – noun

Paul Hoppe drew an image of Bill James working on his theory of sabermetrics.

