

AWESOME STORIES

VISUAL VOCABULARY BUILDER

THE DESCENDANTS

bequest ♥ bestowed ♥ comatose ♥ diminution ♥ ejection
♥ endowment ♥ eons ♥ irony ♥ splintered ♥ throttle

Bequest* ♥ Gift typically given by means of a Last Will and Testament

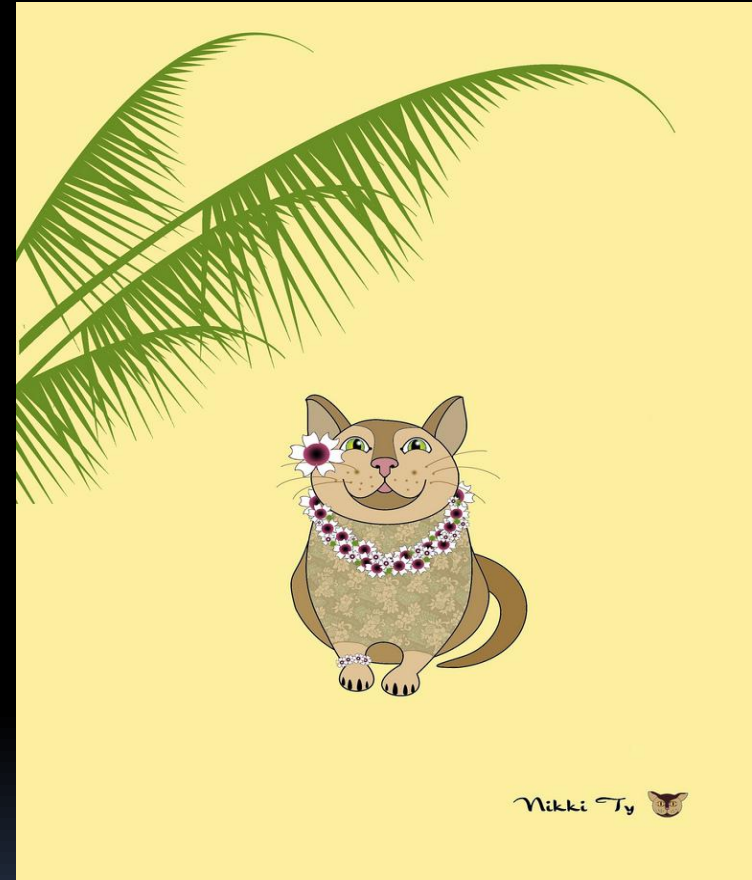
- Bequest – noun
- Saint Patrick received a bequest, of three pigs, after a local farmer died.
- Bequeathed – verb
- The wealthy farmer bequeathed some of his animals to Patrick, known today as the patron saint of Ireland.
- Bequests – noun, plural
- The couple decided to share their wealth by providing many bequests in their Last Will and Testament.



- *Bequest – See Chapter 5 (Finding Brian Speer)

Bestowed* ♥ presenting a gift or conferring an award (or honor)

- Bestowed – verb
- She bestowed the gift of a beautiful Hawaiian lei on the unsuspecting cat.
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- Bestower – noun
Princess Bernice Bishop was a bestower of educational benefits on native-Hawaiian children.
- Bestowed – verb
- The professor worked hard, for many years, before the University bestowed on her an honorary doctorate.



- * Bestowed – See Chapter 5 (Finding Brian Speer)
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Comatose* ❤️ in a state of coma (that is, profound unconsciousness)

- Comatose – adjective
- Following her injury, the young woman was comatose and attached to a ventilator.
- Comatose – adjective
- Because she could not respond to them, family members of the comatose girl did not know whether she could hear their words of comfort.

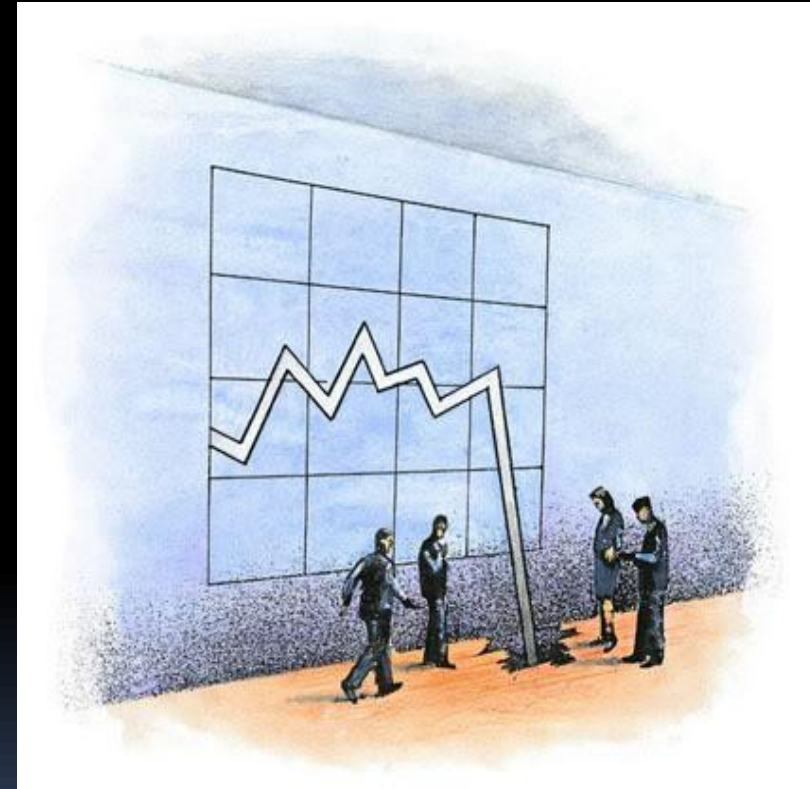


- *Comatose – See Chapter 2 (Elizabeth King's Accident)

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Diminution* ♥ the act of diminishing (lessening) something

- Diminution – noun
- This graph depicts a sudden diminution of home values in the entire State.
- Diminution – noun
- The native population of Hawaii endured significant diminution after foreigners arrived in the islands.
- Diminutional - adjective
- Diseases, like measles and whooping cough, had a diminutional impact on the native population of Hawaii.



- *Diminution – See Chapter 4 (Matt King and His Family)

Ejection* ♥ the act of being ejected (forcefully thrown-out)

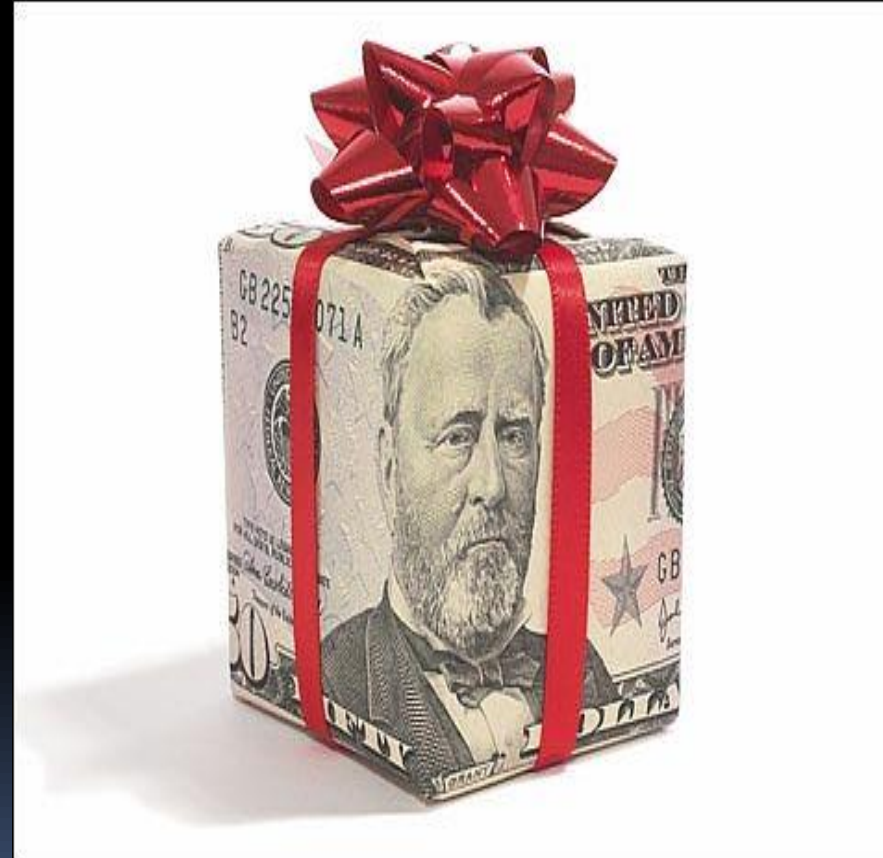
- Ejection – noun
- Everyone was shocked at her ejection from the speeding powerboat.
- Ejected – verb
- No one could believe that such an experienced driver was ejected from the boat on a calm day.



- *Ejection – See Chapter 4 (Matt King and His Family)

Endowment* ❤️ the act of giving funds or property to someone or something (such as a school)

- Endowment – noun
- Years after Princess Bernice Bishop gave an endowment to the Kamehameha Schools, the amount of her gift had greatly increased in value.
- Endowed – verb
- Princess Bernice Bishop endowed her Trust with thousands of acres of prime Hawaiian real estate.



*Endowment – See Chapter 7 (The Princess and Her Schools)

Eons* ♥ indefinitely long period of time

- Eons – noun
- Eons of geological development, including the sculpting impact of wind and rain, have formed the Na Pali Coast of Kauai.
- Eons – noun
- After eons of geological development, the entire island of Kauai has become a scenic masterpiece.

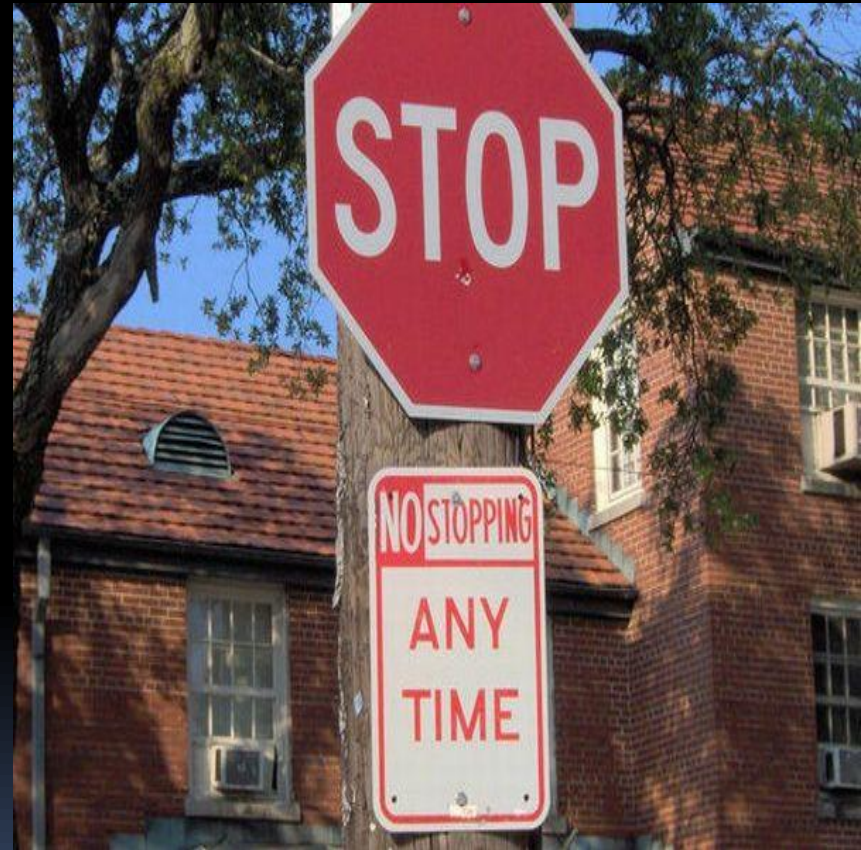


*Eons – See Chapter 5 (Finding Brian Speer)

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Irony* ♥ discrepancy between what is said and what is meant

- Irony – noun
- The irony of these signs is that one set of instructions flatly contradicts the other set. Which one is correct?
- Ironically – adverb
- Ironically, the “Stop Sign” is contradicted by the “No Stopping” sign.
- Ironic – adjective
- Did someone with an ironic sense of humor install these stop signs?

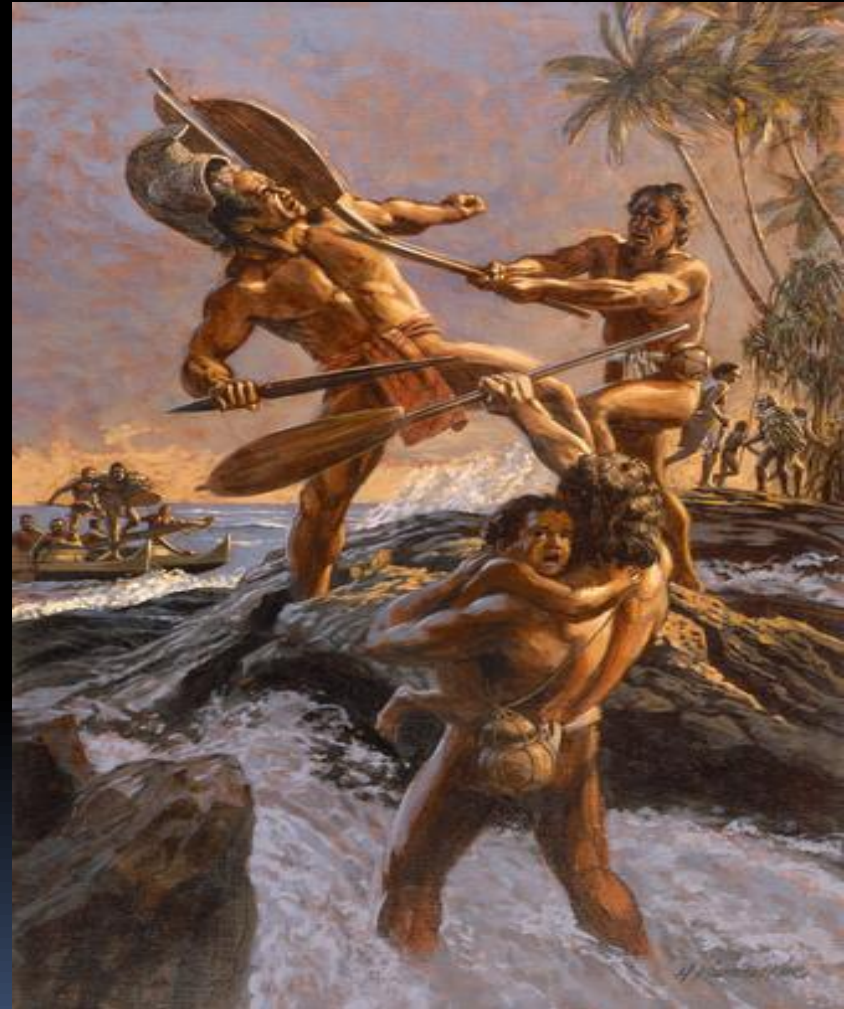


*Irony – See Chapter 5 (Finding Brian Speer)

Splintered* ♥ To split, into parts

- Splintered – verb
- After fighting against another chief - whose war paddle splintered after striking his body -
- Kamehameha the Great decreed that all non-combatants had to be spared from fear or injury during war.

- Splintering – adjective
- During his battle with another chief, Kamehameha saw a splintering paddle as a way to order warriors
- to keep non-combatants safe.



*Splintered – See Chapter 2 (Elizabeth King’s Accident)

Throttle* ♥ regulating the speed of a machine

- Throttle – adjective
- The throttle man – who is part of a powerboat racing crew – controls the speed and attitude of the vessel while the driver steers and navigates.
- Throttles – noun, plural
- A power boat's throttles control the vessel's speed.



*Throttle – See Chapter 2 (Elizabeth King's Accident)