

AWESOME STORIES

VISUAL VOCABULARY BUILDER

THE KING'S SPEECH

appease / bewildered / discordant / façade / hovered
impediment / indiscreet / notorious / onslaught / pliable

Appease* - to pacify, by giving-up principles

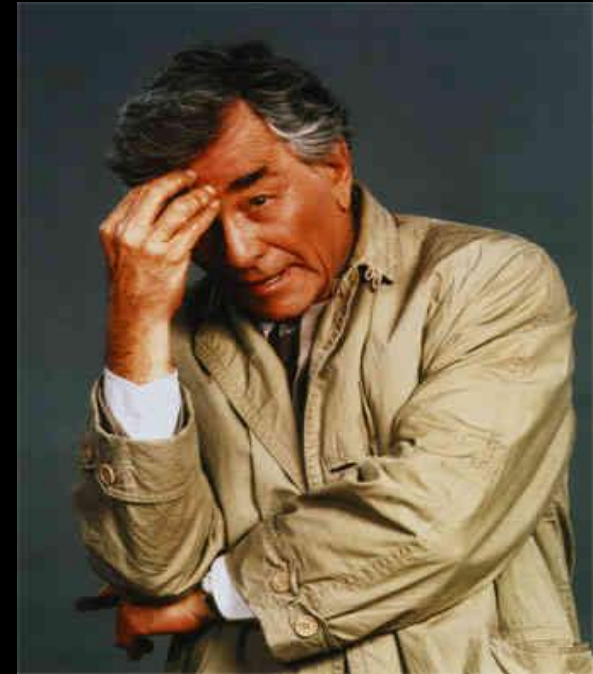
- Appease – verb
Neville Chamberlain tried to appease Hitler, to avoid war, but his efforts were in vain.
- Appeaser – noun
Known as an appeaser, Chamberlain had to step down as Britain's prime minister.
- Appeasable – adjective
Hitler fooled other leaders into thinking he was an appeasable man.
- Appeasement – noun
Appeasement failed as a tool to avoid World War II.



* APPEASE – See Chapter 9 (The King's Speech)

BewiLdered* - confused; perplexed; unsure of one's bearings

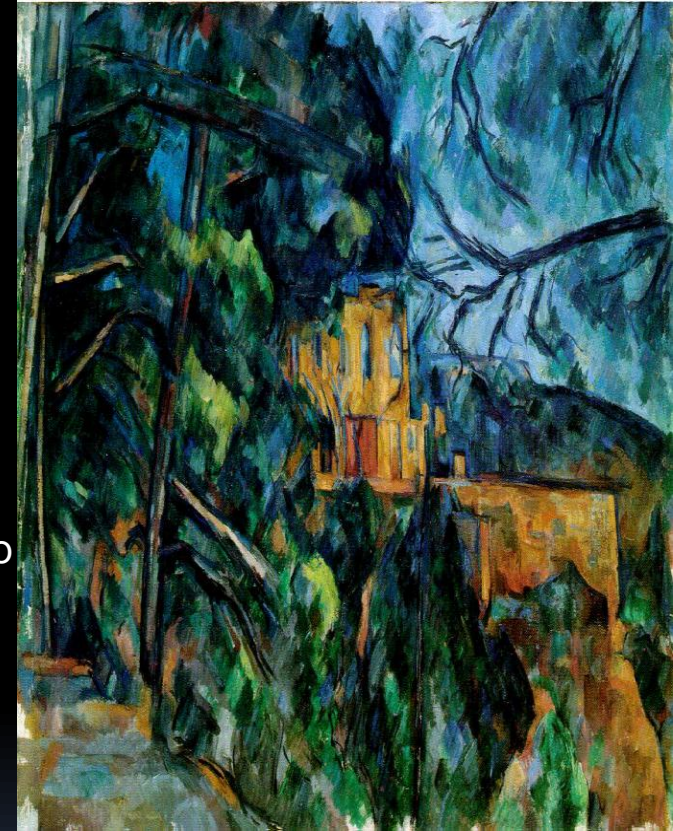
- Bewildered – adjective
Columbo - the television detective portrayed by Peter Falk - always acts bewildered, but it's just for show!
- Bewildered - verb
Columbo bewildered himself, or so it seemed to others.
- Bewilderingly – adverb
Columbo bewilderingly investigates his cases – or so it seems.



* Bewildered – See Chapter 3 (Bertie and Elizabeth)

Discordant* - (1) at odds; out-of-sync; inconsistent (2) out-of-tune

- Discordant – adjective (first meaning)
The Prince of Wales loved the idea of being King, but his discordant ambitions were at-odds with his responsibilities.
- Discordantly – adverb (first meaning)
A painting - by Paul Cezanne- conveys what it's like to view life discordantly, when everything seems out-of-sync. (Painting: *Chateau Noir*, 1900-1904.)
- Discordant – adjective (second meaning)
With so many instruments out-of-tune, the orchestra sounded discordant.



*Discordant – See Chapter 8 (Bertie Becomes King)

Facade* - presenting a false front; hiding behind a false appearance

- Facade – noun
Colorful graffiti on the Berlin Wall was just a facade for the difficult life East Germans lived behind it.
- Facade – noun
When people put on a false front, their facade is like graffiti on the Berlin Wall.

* Facade – See Chapter 8 (Bertie Becomes King)



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Hovered* - (1) suspended over a place; (2) to be in a state of uncertainty

- Hovered – verb (first meaning)
As a rescue helicopter hovered over the canyon, officers searched for signs of missing people.
- Hovered – verb (second meaning)
Gathering clouds of a great war hovered over Europe like a helicopter suspended over a canyon.
- Hovering – adjective (first meaning)
Hovering helicopters searched the area.



*Hovered – See Chapter 9 (The King's Speech)

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Impediment* - an obstacle; something which interferes with a person's speaking ability

- Impediment – noun
Porky Pig – a cartoon character – has a speech impediment commonly known as a stammer. He is well-known for the way he says good-bye: "Th...th...th...that's all, Fo...Fo...Fo...Folks!"
- Impediment – noun
George VI also had a speech impediment which caused him concern. His efforts to overcome it are depicted in a film called *The King's Speech*.



*Impediment – See Chapter 5 (Bertie's Stammer)

Indiscreet* - lacking good judgment; behaving badly or imprudently

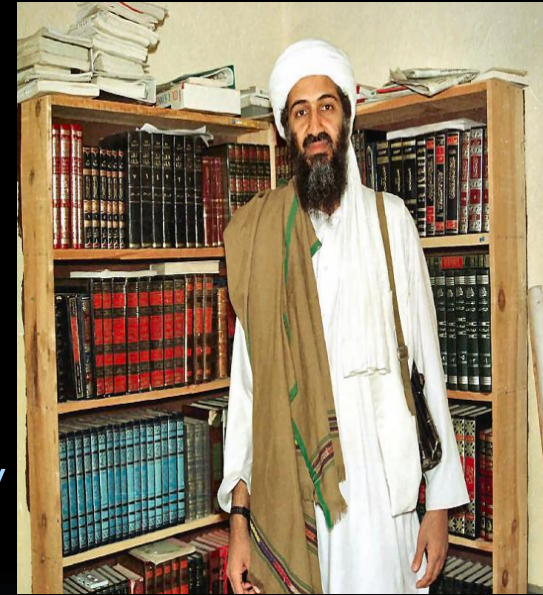
- Indiscreet – adjective
Mark Twain's character, Huck Finn, is an indiscreet young lad who often gets into trouble.
- Indiscreetly – adverb
Even when he's trying to behave, Huck Finn often acts indiscreetly.
- Indiscreetness - noun
Huck Finn is known for his indiscreetness.



*Indiscreet – See Chapter 8 (Bertie Becomes King)

Notorious* - widely known for negative things or behavior

- Notorious – adjective
Osama bin Laden became a notorious figure after the September 11 attacks on America.
- Notoriously – adverb
In some of his statements, bin Laden notoriously railed against Western culture.



*Notorious – See Chapter 2 (Albert Frederick Arthur George)

Onslaught* - (1) a violent attack; (2) an overwhelming force

- Onslaught – noun (first meaning)
Rotterdam, a major port city in The Netherlands, sustained massive damage from the onslaught of German bombers in May of 1940.
- Onslaught – noun (second meaning)
The Dutch people were forced to surrender when an onslaught of German troops invaded their country.



*Onslaught – See Chapter 9 (The King's Speech)

Pliable* - (1) flexible; bending without breaking; (2) easily influenced

- Pliable – adjective – first meaning:
The bodies of ballet dancers, like that of Margot Fonteyn, are so pliable they allow people to bend without breaking bones.
- Pliable – adjective – second meaning:
The pliable children were easily influenced by gangs.
- Pliability – noun – using the first meaning:
Because of its pliability, plastic is often used to make products.



*Pliable – See Chapter 7 (Overcoming the Stammer)