


VISUAL VOCABULARY BUILDER FOR *THE KING'S SPEECH*

appease ♥ bewildered ♥ discordant ♥ facade ♥ hovered ♥ impediment
indiscreet ♥ notorious ♥ onslaught ♥ pliable



Appease* ❤️ to pacify, by giving-up principles

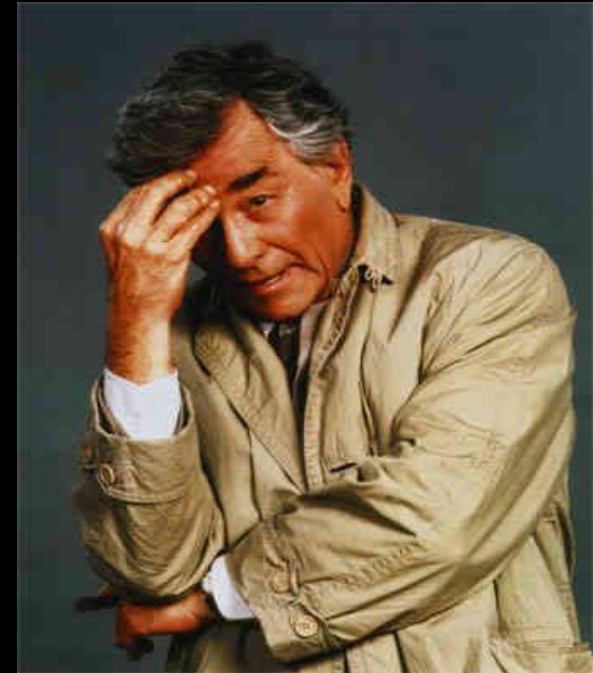
- Appease – verb
- Neville Chamberlain tried to appease Hitler, to avoid war, but his efforts were in vain.
- Appeaser – noun
- Known as an appeaser, Chamberlain had to step down as Britain's prime minister.
- Appeasable – adjective
- Hitler fooled other leaders into thinking he was an appeasable man.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



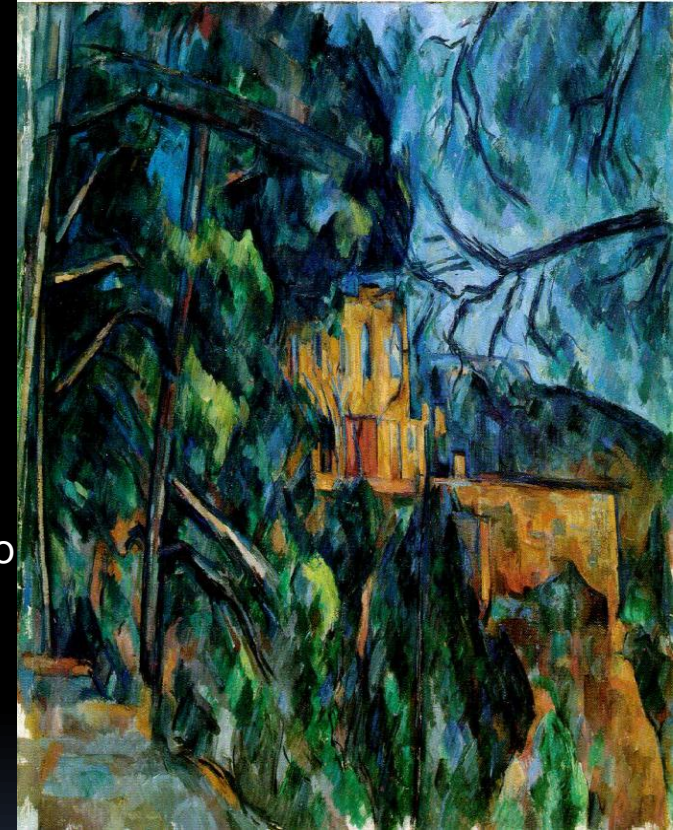
Discordant* ♥ (1) at odds; out-of-sync; inconsistent (2) out-of-tune

- 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!”

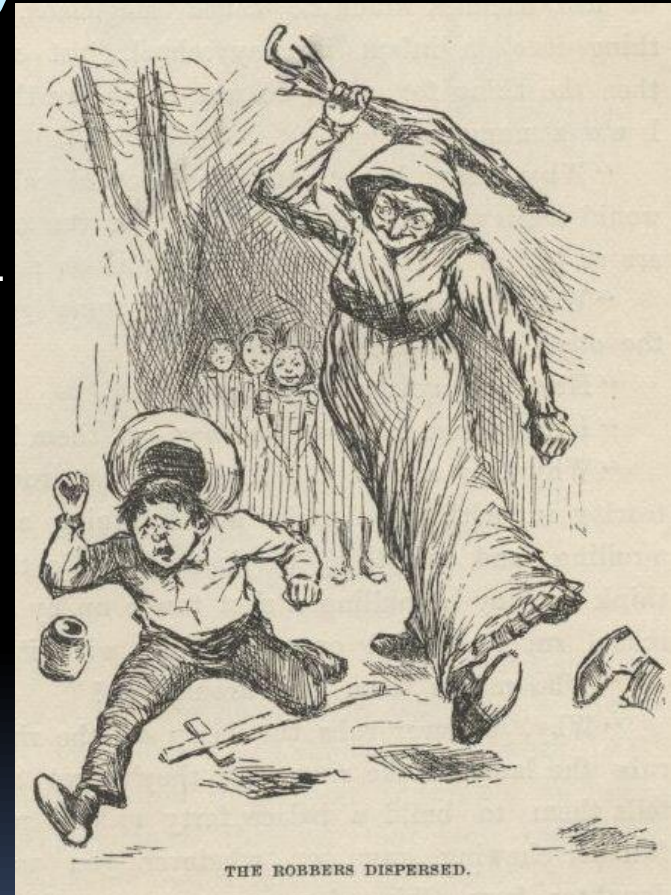
- Impediment – noun
- George VI also had a stammer which he worked very hard to overcome. His efforts are depicted in a film called *The King’s Speech*.



- *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)

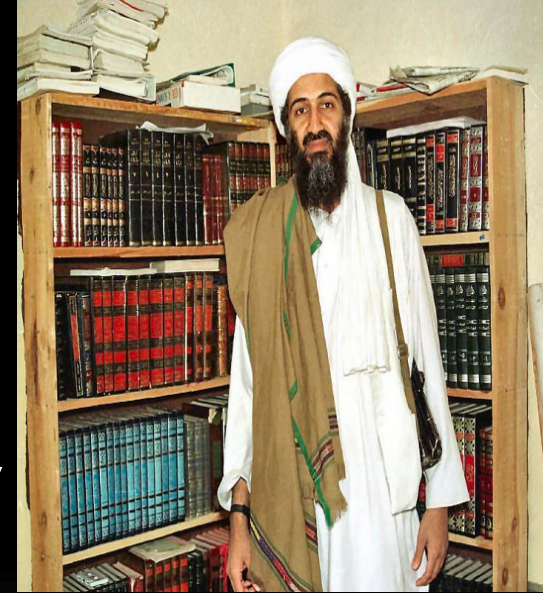


Notorious* ♥ widely known for negative things or behavior

- 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)

