




AWESOME STORIES

VISUAL VOCABULARY BUILDER

THE DESCENDANTS

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

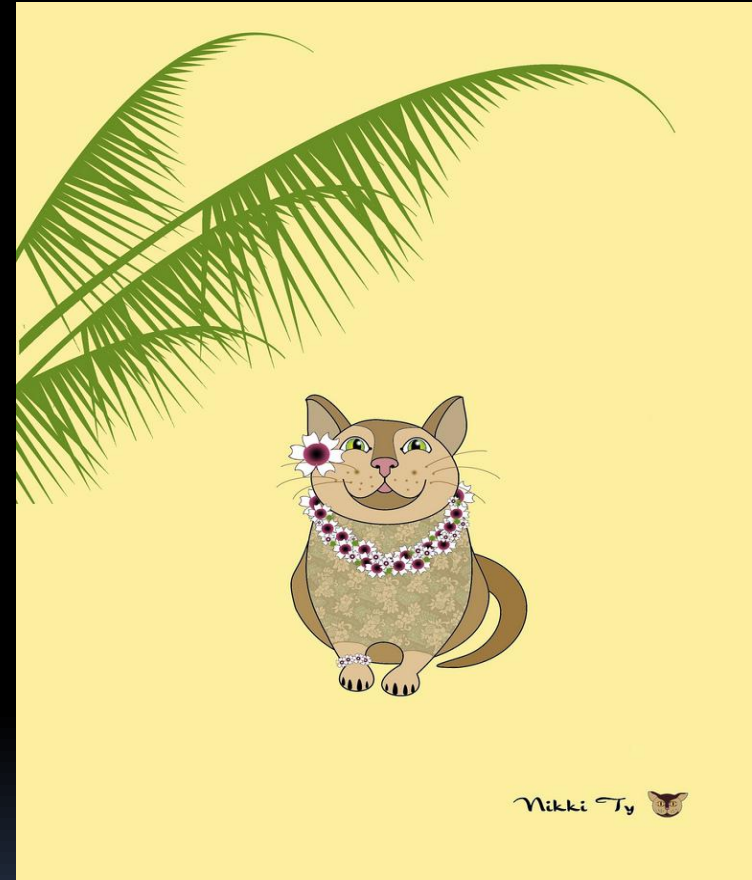
- Bequest – noun
Saint Patrick received a bequest, of three pigs, after a local farmer died.
- Bequeathed – verb
The wealthy farmer bequeathed some of his animals to Patrick, known today as the patron saint of Ireland.
- Bequests – noun, plural
The couple decided to share their wealth by providing many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

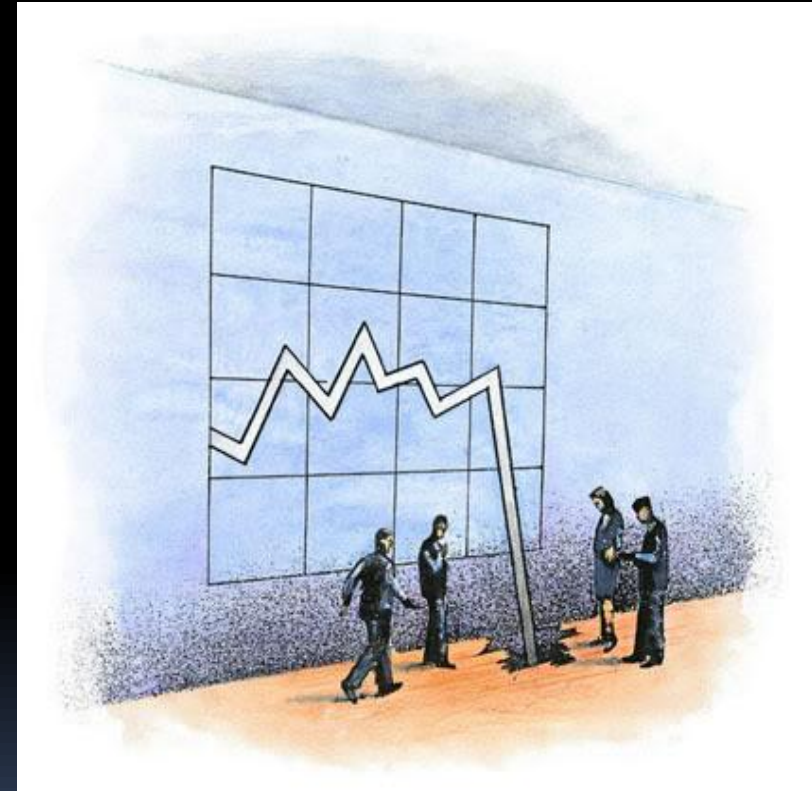
- Comatose – adjective
Following her injury, the young woman was comatose and attached to a ventilator.
- Comatose – adjective
Because she could not respond to them, family members of the comatose girl did not know whether she could hear their words of comfort.



- *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)

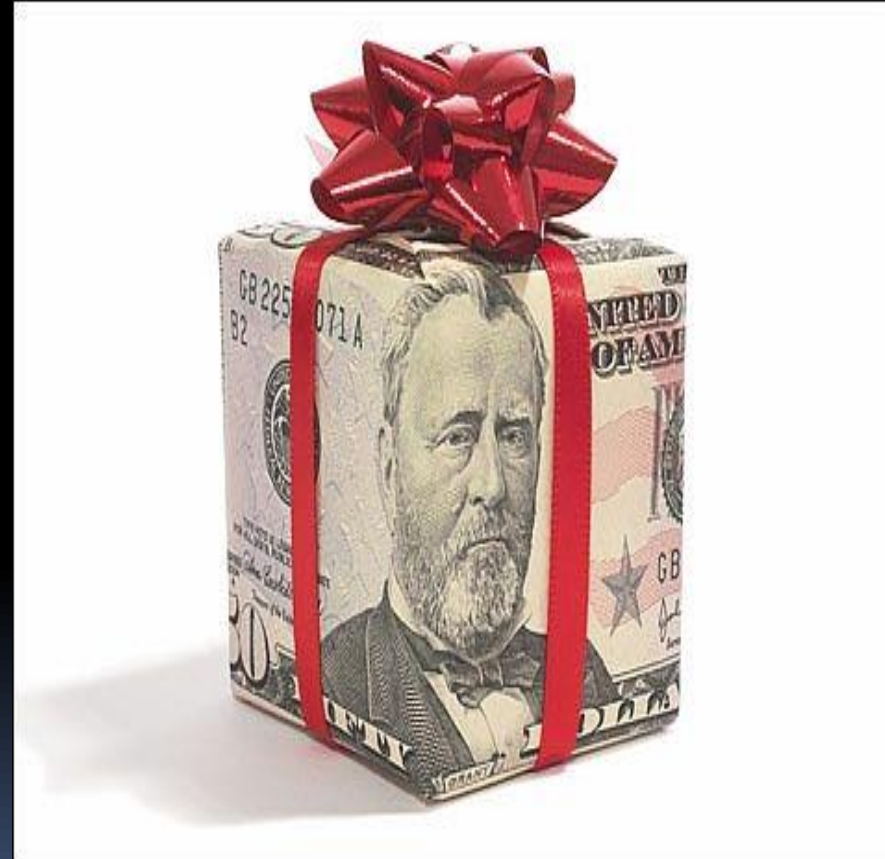
Ejection* - being ejected (forcefully thrown-out)

- 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* – funds or property given to someone or something (such as a school)

- Endowment – noun
- Years after Princess Bernice Bishop gave an endowment to the Kamehameha Schools, the value of her bequest had greatly increased.
- 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 Spear)

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

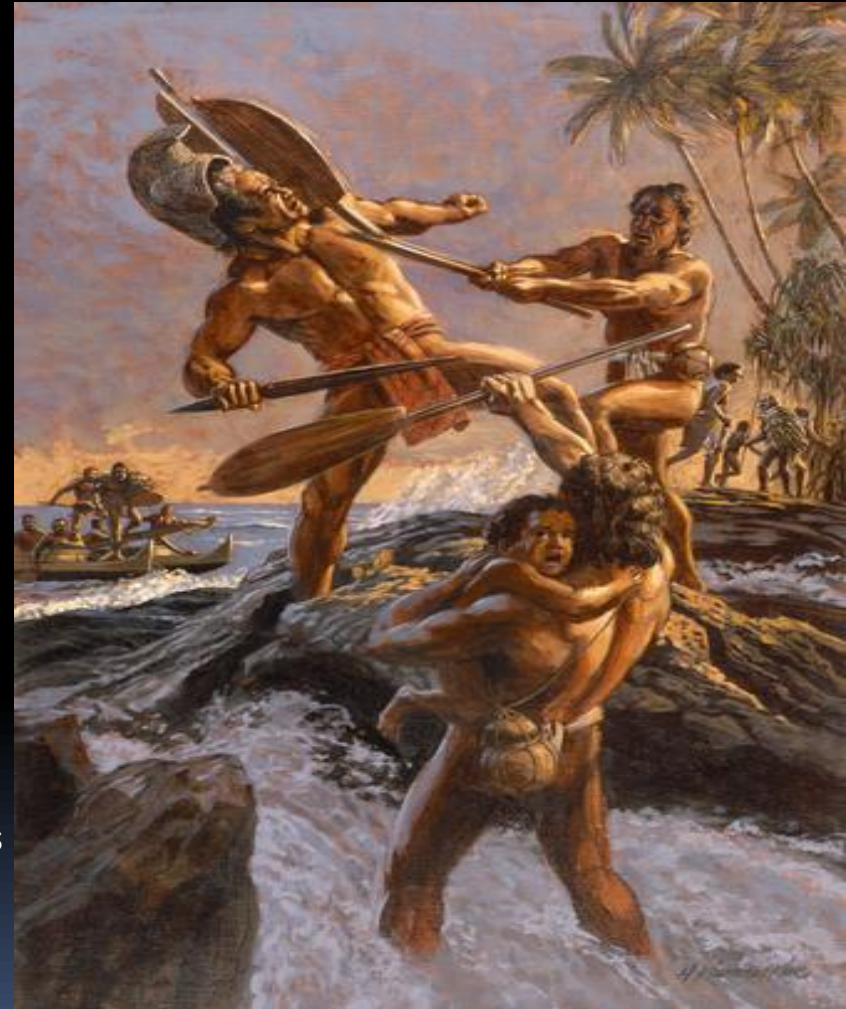
- Irony – noun
The irony of these signs is that one set of instructions flatly contradicts the other set. Which one is correct?
- Ironically – adverb
Ironically, the “Stop Sign” is contradicted by the “No Stopping” sign.
- Ironic – adjective
Did someone with an ironic sense of humor install these stop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



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