

May, 2011, Word-of-the-Day

May 2	Recapitulate (v) – To repeat in concise form
May 3	Quasar (n) – An extremely distant celestial object whose power output is thousand of times that of our entire galaxy
May 4	Unctuous (adj) – Characterized by affected, exaggerated, or insincere earnestness; oily or slippery
May 5	Feckless (adj) – Feeble or ineffective; careless or irresponsible
May 6	Interpolate (v) – To insert or introduce between other elements or parts
May 9	Pecuniary (adj) – Of or relating to money; requiring payment of money
May 10	Moratorium (n) – A temporary pause; suspension of activity
May 11	Usurp (v) – To seize and hold (the power or rights of another, for example) by force and without legal authority
May 12	Dogged (adj) – Stubborn; obstinate
May 13	Injunction (n) – A court order requiring or prohibiting an action
May 16	Kinetic (adj) – Of, relating to, or produced by motion
May 17	Panegyrize (v) – To praise a person or event in a formal speech or in writing; to praise highly
May 18	Nomenclature (n) – A system of names used in an art or science; the procedure of assigning names to organisms listed in a taxonomic classification
May 19	Oxidize (v) – To combine with oxygen; make into oxide; to increase the positive charge or valence of (an element) by removing electrons
May 20	Jejune (adj) – Not interesting; dull; lacking maturity, childish
May 23	Fiduciary (adj) – Of or relating to a holding of something in trust for another; held in trust
May 24	Virtuoso (n) – A highly-skilled performer, usually a musical performer
May 25	Stanch (v) – To stop the flow of blood from a wound
May 26	Notarize (v) – To certify or attest to (the validity of a signature on a document, for example)
May 27	Convivial (adj) – Sociable, outgoing in a festive way, especially when pertaining to eating and drinking; fond of good company
May 31	Vehement (adj) – Forceful or intense in expression, emotion, or conviction; fervid; vigorous or energetic, strong