

Group 2 Vocab (Week 3)

Harass (verb)

Definition: subject to progressive pressure or intimidation.

Synonyms: persecute, intimidate

Antonyms: aid, assist

Sentence: If you continue to harass that woman, I will have to call the police.

Etymology:



Inclement(adjective)



Definition: Stormy, harsh,; severe in attitude or action

Synonyms: Bleak, nasty, turbulent, rough, tempestuous

Antonyms:clear, fair, clement, Bright

Sentence: The school was closed on friday due to inclement weather.

Etymology: from French inclément and directly from Latin inclementem "harsh, unmerciful," from in- "not, opposite of, without"

Liquidate (VERB)

1. Wind up the affairs of (a company or firm) by ascertaining liabilities and approaching assets.
2. Eliminate, typically by violent means; kill.

Synonyms: Close down, dissolve

Antonyms: Build, construct

The judge ordered the business owner to liquidate in order to pay his liabilities.

Latin → liquidus → Medieval Latin → liquidare



"All those in favour of voting
ourselves three year rolling
contracts before we go into
liquidation."

Muse (noun)

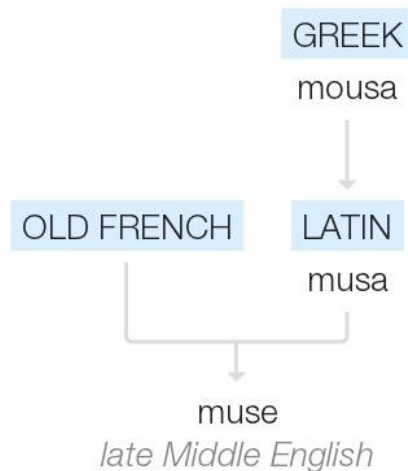
Definition: a person or personified force who is the source of inspiration for a creative artist

Synonyms: inspiration, creative

Antonyms: ponder, meditate

Sentence: Leonardo Da Vinci is my artistic muse

Etymology:



Negligible (Adj.)

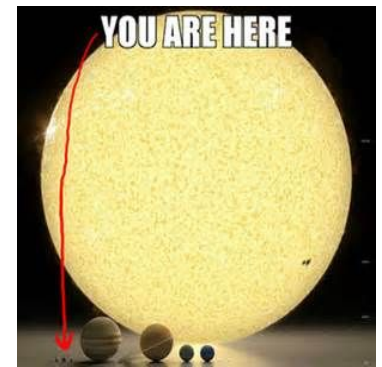
Definition: Small or unimportant as to not be worth considering; Insignificant

Etymology: Derived from obsolete French, from *négliger* to 'to neglect'

Synonyms: Trivial, trifling, minor

Antonyms: Significant, important, worthwhile

Sentence: The error was so negligible no one had even noticed it.



Perpetuate (verb)

1. Make (something, typically an undesirable or an unfounded belief) continue indefinitely.
2. Preserve (something valued) from oblivion or extinction.

Synonyms: preserve, sustain

Antonyms: halt, cease

When no one does anything about a negative situation, the problem only seems to perpetuate.

Latin → perpetuus → perpetuare → perpetuate



Precedent (noun)

1. An earlier event or action that is regarded as an example or guide to be considered in subsequent similar circumstances.
2. (adj) preceding in time, order, or importance.

Synonyms: model, exemplar

Antonyms: later, posterior

She was setting a precedent for the future.

Old French → precedent



Punitive (adj)

1. Inflicting or intended as a punishment.
2. (of a text or other charge) extremely high.

Synonyms: Disciplinary, corrective

Antonyms: Beneficial, rewarding

The school is taking punitive actions against students who were involved in the fight.

Latin → punire

