

Add These Words To Your Vocabulary Bank 5

from Auntie Bev

Alacrity (Ah-lack-ri-ty): cheerful willingness and eagerness.
When Jack proposed to Jill she said yes with **alacrity!**

Celerity (Suh-lare-ity): swiftness of movement.
In order to make the Olympic track team, you must be able to run with great **celerity.**

Facetious (fa-see-shus): using inappropriate humor at the wrong time.
You should avoid being **facetious** when talking to a police officer.

Flout (pronounced like the word "out" just add the "fl"): willfully disobedient.

Jessica decided to **flout** her mother's be at home by 10 pm rule and was put on punishment for two weeks.

Impecunious (Im-puh-que-nee-us): having little or no money.
Although Vincent died an **impecunious** artist, his paintings are now highly valued by art collectors.

Insouciant (In-soo-she-ent): not concerned; nonchalant; carefree.
Because Bill is **insouciant** and not concerned about his retirement, he doesn'tt worry about saving money.

Mischievous (Mis-cha-vus): behaves badly.
The police warned us not to engage in any kind of **mischievous** behavior during the protest march.

Opine (oh-pine): to express an opinion.
Rather than disagree with my boss in the meeting, I waited until we were alone to **opine** my thoughts on his proposal.

Phlegmatic (Fleg-ma-tic): not easily upset, unemotional.
Because Jennifer has a **phlegmatic** personality and rarely allows things to bother her, she manages stress very well.

Retrogress (re-tro-gress): to go back to an earlier time, usually a worse time.

When Glenn became a millionaire, he swore he would never **retrogress** to a life of poverty.

Without correct pronunciation, the vocabulary that you know will be less effective when communicating. It is always better to know fewer words and pronounce them well than to know a lot of words and pronounce them badly. ~Auntie Bev.

