

Week Ten Words

hackneyed

Pronunciation: \ˈhɑk-nēd\

Function: *adjective*

1. : lacking in freshness or originality: *hackneyed* slogans.

2: describes a phrase or an idea which has been said or used so often that it has become meaningless or boring: *The plot of the film is just a hackneyed boy-meets-girl scenario.*

synonym: TRITE

homogeneous

Pronunciation: \-nəs\

Function: *adjective* (ALSO **homogenous**)

Etymology:

Medieval Latin *homogeneous*, *homogenous*, from Greek *homogenēs*, from *hom-* + *genos* kind

1: consisting of parts or people which are similar to each other or are of the same type:
a homogeneous group/society

The population of the village has remained remarkably homogeneous.

Compare **heterogeneous**.

impeccable

Pronunciation: \(ɪ)m-ˈpek-ə-bəl\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Latin *impeccabilis*, from *in-* + *peccare* to sin

1 : not capable of sinning or liable to sin

2 : free from fault or blame : FLAWLESS: spoke *impeccable* French

impervious

Pronunciation: im-ˈpər-vē-əs\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Latin *impervius*, from *in-* + *pervius* pervious

1 a: not allowing entrance or passage : **IMPENETRABLE**: a coat *impervious* to rain

b: not capable of being damaged or harmed: a carpet *impervious* to rough treatment

2: not capable of being affected or disturbed: *impervious* to criticism

impetuous

Pronunciation: \im-ˈpech-wəs; -ˈpe-chə-, -chü-əs\
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Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Middle English, from Anglo-French, from Late Latin *impetuosus*, from Latin *impetus*

1 : marked by impulsive vehemence or passion: an *impetuous* temperament

2 : marked by force and violence of movement or action: an *impetuous* wind