

## Week Fourteen Words

### lethargy

Pronunciation: \lɛ-thər-jē\

Function: *noun*

Etymology:

Middle English *litargie*, from Medieval Latin *liturgia*, from Late Latin *lethargia*, from Greek *lēthargia*, from *lēthargos* forgetful, lethargic, irregular from *lēthē*

**1** : abnormal drowsiness

**2** : the quality or state of being lazy, sluggish, or indifferent

### loquacious

Pronunciation: \lŏ-kwā-shəs\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Latin *loquac-*, *loquax*, from *loqui* to speak

**1** : full of excessive talk : **WORDY**

**2** : given to fluent or excessive talk : **GARRULOUS**

**synonym:** **TALKATIVE**

### ludicrous

Pronunciation: \lŏ-lŭ-də-krəs\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Latin *ludicrus*, from *ludus* play, sport; perhaps akin to Greek *loidoros* abusive

**1** : amusing or laughable through obvious absurdity, incongruity, exaggeration, or eccentricity

**2** : meriting derisive laughter or scorn as absurdly inept, false, or foolish

**synonym:** **LAUGHABLE**

# lugubrious

Pronunciation: \lu-ɡü-brē-əs also -gyü-\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Latin *lugubris*, from *lugere* to mourn; akin to Greek *lygros* mournful

**1: MOURNFUL**; *especially* : exaggeratedly or affectedly mournful; dark, dramatic and *lugubrious* brooding — V. S. Pritchett

**2: DISMAL**: *lugubrious* landscape

# meticulous

Pronunciation: \mə-ti-kyə-ləs\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Latin *meticulosus* fearful, irregular from *metus* fear

marked by extreme or excessive care in the consideration or treatment of details: a *meticulous* researcher

**synonym:** CAREFUL