

Week Four Words

cognizant

Pronunciation: -z&nt

Function: *adjective*

knowledgeable of something especially through personal experience: MINDFUL

synonym see AWARE

complacent

Pronunciation: k&m- 'plA-s&nt

Function: *adjective*

Etymology: Latin *complacent-*, *complacens*, present participle of *complacere* to please greatly, from *com-* + *placere* to please -- more at PLEASE

1 : marked by complacency : SELF-SATISFIED <a *complacent* smile>

2 : COMPLAISANT

3 : UNCONCERNED

compulsory

Pronunciation: k&m-'p&ls-rE, -'p&l-s&-

Function: *adjective*

1 : MANDATORY, ENFORCED: *compulsory* retirement

2 : COERCIVE, COMPELLING: *compulsory* measures

conciliate

Pronunciation: k&n-'si-lE-"At

verb [I or T]

to end a disagreement or someone's anger by acting in a friendly way or slightly changing your opinions, or to satisfy someone who disagrees with you by acting in this way: An independent adviser has been brought in to conciliate **between** the two sides involved in the conflict.

These changes have been made in an attempt to conciliate critics of the plan.

conciliatory adjective

a conciliatory gesture/remark

conjecture

Pronunciation: k&n-'jek-ch&r

Function: *noun*

Etymology: Middle English, from Middle French or Latin; Middle French, from Latin *conjectura*, from *conjectus*, past participle of *conicere*, literally, to throw together, from *com-* + *jacere* to throw -- more at [JET](#)

1 *obsolete* **a** : interpretation of omens

b : [SUPPOSITION](#)

2 **a** : inference from defective or presumptive evidence

b : a conclusion deduced by surmise or guesswork

c : a proposition (as in mathematics) before it has been proved or disproved