

Week Seven Words

diverse

Pronunciation: \d_-v_rs, d_-_, _d_-_\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Middle English *divers*, *diverse*, from Anglo-French & Latin; Anglo-French *divers*, from Latin *diversus*, from past participle of *divertere*

1 : differing from one another : UNLIKE: people with *diverse* interests

2 : composed of distinct or unlike elements or qualities: a *diverse* population

synonyms see DIFFERENT

dogmatic

Pronunciation: \do_g-_ma-tik, däg-\

Variant(s): *also* **dog·mat·i·cal**  \-ti-k_l\

Function: *adjective*

1 : characterized by or given to the expression of opinions very strongly or positively as if they were facts: a *dogmatic* critic

2 : of or relating to dogma

eccentric

Pronunciation: \ik-_sen-trik, ek-\

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Middle English, from Medieval Latin *eccentricus*, from Greek *ekkentros*, from *ex* out of + *kentron* center

1 a: deviating from an established or usual pattern or style: *eccentric* products

b: deviating from conventional or accepted usage or conduct especially in odd or whimsical ways: an *eccentric* millionaire

2 a: deviating from a circular path; *especially* : ELLIPTICAL : an *eccentric* orbit

b: located elsewhere than at the geometrical center; *also* : having the axis or support so located: an *eccentric* wheel
synonyms see [STRANGE](#)

emulate

Pronunciation: _em-y_-l_t, -yü-\

Function: *transitive verb*

Etymology:

Latin *aemulatus*, past participle of *aemulari*, from *aemulus* rivaling

1: to copy something achieved by someone else and try to do it as well as they have:

They hope to emulate the success of other software companies.

enigma

Pronunciation: \i-_nig-m_, e-\

Function: *noun*

Etymology:

Latin *aenigma*, from Greek *ainigmat-*, *ainigma*, from *ainissesthai* to speak in riddles, from *ainos* fable

1 : an obscure speech or writing

2 : something hard to understand or explain

3 : an inscrutable or mysterious person

synonyms see [MYSTERY](#)