

## Week Eight Words

### epiphany

Pronunciation: \i-pi-f-n \

Function: *noun*

Etymology:

Middle English *epiphanie*, from Anglo-French, from Late Latin *epiphania*, from Late Greek, plural, probably alteration of Greek *epiphaneia* appearance, manifestation, from *epiphainein* to manifest, from *epi-* + *phainein* to show — more at [FANCY](#)

1. *capitalized* : January 6 observed as a church festival in commemoration of the coming of the Magi as the first manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles or in the Eastern Church in commemoration of the baptism of Christ
2. an appearance or manifestation especially of a divine being
3.
  - a. usually sudden manifestation or perception of the essential nature or meaning of something
  - b. an intuitive grasp of reality through something (as an event) usually simple and striking
  - c. an illuminating discovery, realization, or disclosure

### erudite

Pronunciation: \er-d-t, er-y- \

Function: *adjective*

Etymology:

Middle English *erudit*, from Latin *eruditus*, from past participle of *erudire* to instruct, from *e-* + *rudis* rude, ignorant

1. having or containing a lot of specialist knowledge: He's the author of an erudite book on Scottish history.

## expedite

Pronunciation: \\_ek-sp\_-\_d\_t\

Function: *verb*

Etymology:

Latin *expeditus*, past participle of *expedire*

**1** : to execute promptly

**2** : to accelerate the process or progress of : speed up

## exonerate

Pronunciation: \ig-\_zä-n\_-\_r\_t, eg-\

Function: *verb*

Etymology:

Middle English, from Latin *exoneratus*, past participle of *exonerare* to unburden, from *ex-* + *oner-*, *onus* load

**1** : to relieve of a responsibility, obligation, or hardship

**2** : to clear from accusation or blame

## extricate

Pronunciation: \\_ek-str\_-\_k\_t\

Function: *verb*

Etymology:

Latin *extricatus*, past participle of *extricare*, from *ex-* + *tricae* trifles, perplexities

**1 a.** *archaic* : UNRAVEL

**b:** to distinguish from a related thing

**2:** to free or remove from an entanglement or difficulty

EXTRICATE implies the use of care or ingenuity in freeing from a difficult position or situation: *extricated* himself from financial difficulties.

