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Vocabulary Word Meanings: From Extemporaneous to Ethereal, Eulogize

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Extemporaneous

adj- done without planning; improvised

Also used as: Extemporaneously (adv)

He spoke extemporaneously, without notes, for an hour.

Exuberant

adj- uncontrollably joyous

Also used as: Exuberance (noun) ; exuberant after its team won the championship.

Eclectic

adj- choosing from many different sources; carefully selective

Also used as: Eclectically- adv; eclecticism- noun

An eclectic reader enjoys many different writing styles and subjects.

Embellish

verb- to make more beautiful; decorate; adorn

Embellishment-noun

There was plain and simple, but they embellished it with handmade crafts.

Enervate

verb- sap the strength; weaken

Also used as: Enervation- noun; enervated adj

The hot sun enervated the runners, slowing their pace

Ephemeral

adj-temporary; short-lived

Also used as: Ephemeraly – adv

My early morning memory of dreams is ephemeral: by lunchtime, I can't remember a thing.

Erudition

noun- the knowledge acquired through many years of study, process of acanthine knowledge

Also used as: Erudite- adj: eruditely-adv

The professor's erudite manner impressed many students and intimidated others.

Esoteric

adj- know to or understood by a limited group of people

Also used as: Esoteric- noun

The book was filled with esoteric information about a long lost tribe.

Ethereal

adj- heavenly; fine; delicately beautiful

Also used as: Etherealness- noun; ethereally- adv

The frozen mist on the tress provided an ethereal backdrop for the photograph.

Eulogize

verb- to praise highly; to extol

Also used as: Eulogy- noun; eulogistic- adj

Note: the prefix " eu- almost always means " good ". Look up eugenics, euphony and euphoria in the dictionary, and see euphemism below.

Listening to a eulogy helps us remember specific about the person who has died.

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