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JANUARY

1st
resolution
rez-uh-loo-shun
NOUN

A resolution is a promise you make to yourself to do something, often at the start of a new year.

2nd
tectonic
tek-ton-ik
ADJECTIVE

Tectonic is a word that you use when you are talking about the structure of the Earth's crust.

3rd
ditto
dit-to
NOUN

You can use the word ditto to agree with something that has just been said, or to avoid repeating it.

* Ditto comes from the Italian word 'detto', which means 'said before'.

4th
emboss
em-boss
VERB

If you emboss a surface such as paper or wood with a design, you make the design stand up slightly from the surface.

TODAY IS WORLD BRAILLE DAY. BRAILLE IS A WRITING SYSTEM FOR BLIND PEOPLE USING RAISED DOTS THAT CAN BE FELT ON THE PAGE.

5th
masquerade
mask-ur-ayd
NOUN

A masquerade is an event, such as a party or dance, where people dress up in disguise and wear masks.



6th
auditorium
aw-di-tor-ee-um
NOUN

The auditorium is the part of a theatre or concert hall where the audience sits.

7th
nostalgia
nost-al-juh
NOUN

Nostalgia is an affectionate feeling you have for the past, especially for a particularly happy time.

8th
octave
ok-tiv
NOUN

An octave is a series of eight notes in music.

* Octave comes from the Latin word 'octo', which means 'eight'.



9th
unfathomable
un-fath-um-a-bul
ADJECTIVE

If you say that something is unfathomable, you mean that it cannot be understood or explained, usually because it is very strange or complicated.

10th
aurora
aw-raw-ra
NOUN

An aurora is a dazzling display of coloured light, usually green, red, purple or yellow, that sometimes moves across the sky at night.

11th
prevaricate
pre-var-i-kayt
VERB

If you prevaricate, you avoid giving a direct answer or making a firm decision.



12th
ibis
eye-bis
NOUN

An ibis is a long-legged wading bird with a long, thin bill, typically found in warm parts of the world.

*** Ibis comes from a word in the ancient Egyptian language. The Egyptians thought the ibis was a sacred bird.**

13th
bashfully
bash-fu-lee
ADVERB

If you say something bashfully, you say it shyly.



TODAY IS UTTARAYAN KITE DAY, WHEN PEOPLE IN GUJARAT, INDIA, FLY COLOURFUL KITES FROM DAWN UNTIL DUSK.

14th
kaleidoscopic
kal-eye-di-sko-pik
ADJECTIVE

If you describe something as kaleidoscopic, you mean that it is made up of a lot of different colours, patterns or shapes.

15th
algorithm
al-gor-ith-um
NOUN

An algorithm is a set of mathematical instructions that help to solve a particular problem, especially on a computer.

16th
dazzling
daz-ling
ADJECTIVE

A dazzling light is so bright that you cannot see for a short time after looking at it.

17th
evergreen
ev-ur-green
NOUN

An evergreen is a plant that does not lose its leaves in the winter.

18th
segregation
se-gre-gay-shun
NOUN

Segregation is when people are officially separated, especially based on their race or religion, so they cannot live, work or study together.

19th
wheeple
weep-ul
VERB

If a bird wheeples, it makes a long, shrill cry.

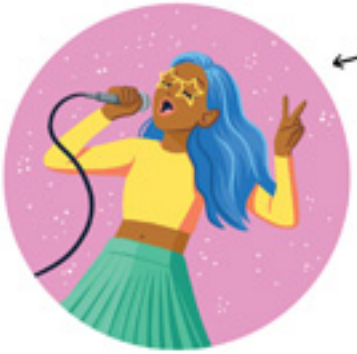
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY CELEBRATES THE CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER WHO FOUGHT TO END SEGREGATION IN THE USA. IT TAKES PLACE IN JANUARY EACH YEAR.

20th
galumphing
gal-umf-ing
ADJECTIVE

Someone or something that is galumphing is clumsy.

• **Galumph was invented by the nineteenth-century English writer Lewis Carroll.**





21st
limelight
lime-lite
NOUN

If someone is in the limelight, a lot of attention is being paid to them, because they are famous or because they have done something very unusual or exciting.

22nd
hangry
hang-gree
ADJECTIVE

If someone is hangry, they are grumpy because they are hungry. You use this word in a humorous way.

• **Hangry is a combination of the words 'hungry' and 'angry'.**

23rd
zither
zith-ur
NOUN

A zither is a musical instrument made by stretching strings over a flat box. You pluck the strings with your fingers to make musical notes.

24th
saffron
sa-fron
NOUN

Saffron is a yellowish-orange spice used to colour and flavour food.

• **Saffron comes from a word in the Arabic language.**