CAPACIOUS
(kuh PAY shus) adj.
roomy, able to hold much

Link: CAP SPACIOUS

“A SPACIOUS CAP is CAPACIOUS.”

- The old castle has a CAPACIOUS dining room large enough to seat a small army.
- David’s memory for jokes is CAPACIOUS; he remembers them all.
- Our bed at the hotel was really CAPACIOUS; all three sisters slept there.
When Sheriff Wild Bill Hickok entered the Last Chance Saloon, the villains COWERED in fear.

The sound of the rusty door opening in the middle of the night made Sue COWER under her sheets.

Jack COWERED in frustration just to think about coming home from vacation and finding all the homework he had to catch up on.

"Bessie, the COWERING COW, never could stand the sight of her own milk."

COWER (KOW ur) v. to cringe in fear; to shrink away

Link: COW
EGALITARIAN

(ih gal uh TARE ee un) adj. 
advocating the doctrine of equal rights for all citizens

Link: THE GAL I’M MARRYIN’

“THE GAL I’M MARRYIN’ is an EGALITARIAN.”

- The Communists preached an EGALITARIAN philosophy, but in the end they were the same old fascists the world has known through the ages.

- The founders of the Declaration of Independence were no better; they also preached EGALITARIAN principles, yet at the same time they owned slaves.

- Martin Luther King was a true EGALITARIAN, he preached for equal rights for all citizens.
FATHOM
(fa THUM) v.
to understand fully;
to penetrate the meaning of

Link: FAT THUMB

“Doctors could never FATHOM the reason for Larry's FAT THUMB.”

- Her friends thought they had FATHOMED the reason Estelle applied for entrance in an all-boys college: She never had any dates.

- The jury found it hard to FATHOM how the defendant could commit such a terrible crime.

- (In nautical terms, FATHOM is six feet of water depth.) We dropped anchor in four FATHOMS of water and made plans to stay for the night.
Normally, Rose was a pleasant wife and mother but if a member of her family prevented her from watching her favorite “soaps,” she could become quite **IRASCIBLE**.

Uncle Tim was a real grouch, even on his birthday he would find a way to become as **IRASCIBLE** as a spoiled child.

The school principal became so **IRASCIBLE** even his teachers avoided speaking to him.

“When he became **IRASCIBLE**, the Masked Marvel would **WRESTLE BULLS**.”
LAMENT
(luh MENT) v.
to express sorrow or regret; to mourn

Link: CEMENT

“We LAMENT that Joe got buried in CEMENT.”

- There must have been thousands of people at the funeral to LAMENT the death of Princess Diane.

- The nation LAMENTS the passing of the President while at the same time celebrating his achievements while in office.

- It is LAMENTABLE that Roscoe quit college in his sophomore year; his professors considered him the brightest engineering student in his class.
POTENTATE
(POHT n tayt) n.
a powerful ruler; an important person

Link: IMPORTANT TATER

“A POTENTATE in ‘Tater Kingdom’ is an IMPORTANT TATER.”

- POTENTATES are usually not elected officials, but the descendants of a line of rajahs, sheiks, or kings.

- The Shah of Iran was an Iranian POTENTATE who lived in the twentieth century.

- Ever since Sarah was elected president of the junior class, she walks around with her nose in the air, as if she thinks she is a POTENTATE.
**SCRUTINIZE**
(SKROOT uh nize) v. to look very carefully; to examine

Link: **SCREW EYES**

"U.S. Customs officials have **SCREW EYES** when they **SCRUTINIZE** baggage."

- Newspaper proofreaders **SCRUTINIZE** an entire newspaper each day.
- Each soldier’s uniform is **SCRUTINIZED** by his commanding officer.
- I **SCRUTINIZED** all the books in the library and found several I had wanted.
There was a **SURFEIT** of delicious food at the family picnic.

The beach store had a **SURFEIT** of bathing suits and last Saturday put on a bathing suit sale.

A **SURFEIT** of recruits showed up to try out for the team, and Coach Rex had to turn the freshmen away.

“A **SURFEIT** of **SURFERS** is a sure path to disastrous surfboard accidents.”
Looking back on it, we never understood what made Randolph TRUCULENT all through school; he always had a chip on his shoulder.

A TRUCULENT attitude seldom wins friends or influences people in a positive way.

The marine recruits were scolded by their TRUCULENT sergeant for any small offense.