**Stage 5 Verba**

1. otiose |ˈōSHēˌōs, ˈōtēˌōs|

adjective

serving no practical purpose or result: *he did fuss, uttering otiose explanations*.

• archaic indolent; idle.

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**otiosely** adverb

ORIGIN late 18th cent.: from Latin ***otiosus***, from ***otium ‘leisure.’***

**2.** clamor |ˈklamər|(Brit. **clamour** )

noun [ in sing. ]

a loud and confused noise, esp. that of people shouting vehemently: *the questions rose to a clamor*.

• a strongly expressed protest or demand, typically from a large number of people: *the growing public* ***clamor for*** *more policemen on the beat*.

verb [ no obj. ]

(of a group of people) shout loudly and insistently: *the surging crowds* ***clamored for*** *attention*.

• make a vehement protest or demand: *scientists are* ***clamoring for*** *a ban on all chlorine substances*.

ORIGIN late Middle English: via Old French from Latin ***clamor***, from ***clamare ‘cry out.’***

clamor

noun

**1** *her voice rose above the clamor*: din, racket, rumpus, loud noise, uproar, tumult, shouting, yelling, screaming, roaring; commotion, brouhaha, hue and cry, hubbub, hullabaloo, hoopla.

**2** *the clamor for her resignation*: demand(s), call(s), urging.

**3** *the clamor of the workers*: protests, complaints, outcry.

verb

**1** *clamoring crowds*: yell, shout loudly, bay, scream, roar.

**2** *scientists are* ***clamoring for*** *a ban*: demand, call for, press for, push for, lobby for.

3. petulant |ˈpeCHələnt|

adjective

(of a person or their manner) childishly sulky or bad-tempered: *he was moody and petulant* | *a petulant shake of the head*.

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**petulantly** adverb

ORIGIN late 16th cent. (in the sense ***‘immodest’***): from French ***pétulant***, from Latin ***petulant- ‘impudent’*** (related to ***petere ‘aim at, seek’***). The current sense (mid 18th cent.) is influenced by [**pettish**](x-dictionary:r:m_en_us1277337:com.apple.dictionary.NOAD).

petulant

adjective

*he's as petulant as a spoiled child*: peevish, bad-tempered, querulous, pettish, fretful, cross, irritable, sulky, snappish, crotchety, touchy, tetchy, testy, fractious, grumpy, disgruntled, crabby; informal grouchy, cranky. ANTONYMS good-humored.

4. impudent |ˈimpyəd(ə)nt|

adjective

not showing due respect for another person; impertinent: *he could have strangled this impudent upstart*.

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**impudently** adverb

ORIGIN late Middle English (in the sense ***‘immodest, indelicate’***): from Latin ***impudent-***, from ***in- ‘not’*** + ***pudent- ‘ashamed, modest’*** (from ***pudere ‘be ashamed’***).

impudent

adjective

*the oblivious couple and their impudent children were asked to leave*: impertinent, insolent, cheeky, cocky, brazen, bold, audacious; presumptuous, forward, disrespectful, insubordinate, bumptious, brash; rude, impolite, ill-mannered, discourteous, ill-bred; informal saucy, lippy, sassy, brassy, smart-alecky; archaic contumelious. ANTONYMS polite.

***5.*** pastoral |ˈpastərəl, pasˈtôrəl|

adjective

**1** (esp. of land or a farm) used for or related to the keeping or grazing of sheep or cattle: *scattered pastoral farms*.

• associated with country life: *the view was pastoral, with rolling fields and grazing sheep*.

• (of a work of art) portraying or evoking country life, typically in a romanticized or idealized form.

**2** (in the Christian Church) concerning or appropriate to the giving of spiritual guidance: *pastoral and doctrinal issues* | *clergy doing pastoral work*.

noun

a work of literature portraying an idealized version of country life: *the story, though a pastoral, has an actual connection with the life of agricultural labor*.

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**pastoralism** |ˈpastərəˌlizəm|noun,

**pastorally** adverb

ORIGIN late Middle English: from Latin ***pastoralis ‘relating to a shepherd,’*** from ***pastor ‘shepherd’*** (see [**pastor**](x-dictionary:r:m_en_us1275993:com.apple.dictionary.NOAD)) .

pastoral

adjective

**1** *a pastoral scene*: rural, country, countryside, rustic, agricultural, bucolic; literary sylvan, Arcadian. ANTONYMS urban.

**2** *his pastoral duties*: priestly, clerical, ecclesiastical, ministerial.

6. uxorial |ˌəkˈsôrēəl, əgˈzôr-|

adjective

of or relating to a wife.

ORIGIN early 19th cent.: from Latin ***uxor ‘wife’*** + [**-ial**](x-dictionary:r:m_en_us1256732:com.apple.dictionary.NOAD).

7. uxorious |ˌəkˈsôrēəs, ˌəgˈzôr-|

adjective

having or showing an excessive or submissive fondness for one's wife.

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**uxoriously** adverb,

**uxoriousness** noun

ORIGIN late 16th cent.: from Latin ***uxoriosus***, from ***uxor ‘wife.’***

***8.*** confabulate |kənˈfabyəˌlāt|

verb [ no obj. ]

**1** formal engage in conversation; talk: *she could be heard on the telephone confabulating with someone*.

**2** Psychiatry fabricate imaginary experiences as compensation for loss of memory.

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**confabulation** |-ˌfabyəˈlāSHən|noun,

**confabulatory** |-ləˌtôrē|adjective

ORIGIN early 17th cent.: from Latin ***confabulat- ‘chatted together,’*** from the verb ***confabulari***, from ***con- ‘together’*** + ***fabulari*** (from ***fabula ‘fable’***).

9. somnolent |ˈsämnələnt|

adjective

sleepy; drowsy.

• causing or suggestive of drowsiness: *a somnolent summer day*.

• Medicine abnormally drowsy.

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**somnolence** noun,

**somnolency** noun,

**somnolently** adverb

ORIGIN late Middle English (in the sense ***‘causing sleepiness’***): from Old French ***sompnolent*** or Latin ***somnolentus***, from ***somnus ‘sleep.’***

somnolent

adjective

**1** *he felt somnolent after lunch*: sleepy, drowsy, tired, languid, dozy, groggy, lethargic, sluggish, enervated, torpid; informal snoozy, dopey, yawny; literary slumberous.

**2** *a somnolent village*: quiet, restful, tranquil, calm, peaceful, relaxing, soothing, undisturbed, untroubled.

10. puerile |ˈpyo͝o(ə)rəl, ˈpyo͝orˌīl|

adjective

childishly silly and trivial: *you're making puerile excuses*.

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**puerilely** adverb,

**puerility** |pyo͝o(ə)ˈrilətē|noun ( pl. **puerilities** )

ORIGIN late 16th cent. (in the sense ***‘like a boy’***): from French ***puéril*** or Latin ***puerilis***, from ***puer ‘boy.’***

puerile

adjective

*you're too old for these puerile outbursts*: childish, immature, infantile, juvenile, babyish; silly, inane, fatuous, jejune, asinine, foolish, petty. ANTONYMS mature, sensible.

11. omniscient |ämˈniSHənt|

adjective

knowing everything: *the story is told by an omniscient narrator*.

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**omniscience** noun,

**omnisciently** adverb

ORIGIN early 17th cent.: from medieval Latin ***omniscient- ‘all-knowing,’*** based on ***scire ‘to know.’***

omniscient

adjective

*he thought I was some kind of omniscient guru*: all-knowing, all-wise, all-seeing.

12. omnipotent |ämˈnipətənt|

adjective

(of a deity) having unlimited power; able to do anything.

• having ultimate power and influence: *an omnipotent sovereign*.

noun (**the Omnipotent**)

God.

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**omnipotently** adverb

ORIGIN Middle English (as a divine attribute): via Old French from Latin ***omnipotent- ‘all-powerful.’***

omnipotent

adjective

*the worship of omnipotent deities*: all-powerful, almighty, supreme, preeminent, most high; invincible, unconquerable.

13. funambulist |fyo͝oˈnambyəlist|

noun

a tightrope walker.

ORIGIN late 18th cent.: from French ***funambule*** or Latin ***funambulus*** (from ***funis ‘rope’*** + ***ambulare ‘to walk’***) + [**-ist**](x-dictionary:r:m_en_us1259317:com.apple.dictionary.NOAD).

14. perambulate |pəˈrambyəˌlāt|

verb [ no obj. ] formal

walk or travel through or around a place or area, esp. for pleasure and in a leisurely way: *he grew weary of perambulating over rough countryside in bad weather* | [ with obj. ] *: she perambulated the square*.

• [ with obj. ] Brit. historical walk around (a parish, forest, etc.) in order to officially assert and record its boundaries.

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**perambulation** |pəˌrambyəˈlāSHən|noun,

**perambulatory** |-ləˌtôrē|adjective

ORIGIN late Middle English: from Latin ***perambulat- ‘walked around,’*** from the verb ***perambulare***, from ***per- ‘all over’*** + ***ambulare ‘to walk.’***

***15.*** multifarious |ˌməlt(ə)ˈfe(ə)rēəs|

adjective

many and of various types: *multifarious activities*.

• having many varied parts or aspects: *a vast multifarious organization*.

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**multifariously** adverb,

**multifariousness** noun

ORIGIN late 16th cent.: from Latin ***multifarius*** + [**-ous**](x-dictionary:r:m_en_us1274274:com.apple.dictionary.NOAD).

multifarious

adjective

*our multifarious ethnic traditions*: diverse, many, numerous, various, varied, diversified, multiple, multitudinous, multiplex, manifold, multifaceted, different, heterogeneous, miscellaneous, assorted; literary myriad, divers. ANTONYMS homogeneous.