

5 Minutes Vocabulary

Day 11

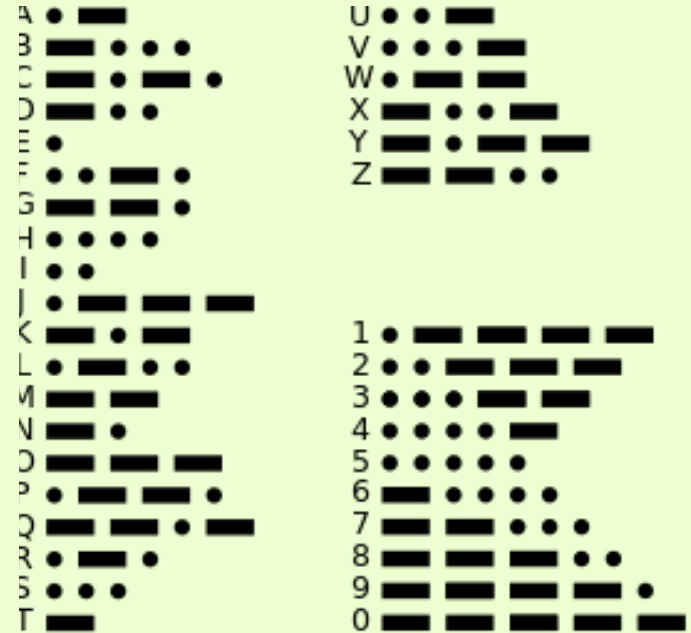
CRYPTIC

(adj.) having a meaning that is mysterious or obscure

Syn: enigmatic, mysterious, perplexing, puzzling, obscure, abstruse

Atn: straightforward, clear, certain, definite, obvious

Exp: Although Lalit had a major in archaeology, he could not understand the cryptic symbols on the cave walls.



FOMENT

(verb) instigate or stir up

Syn: incite, provoke, agitate, excite, arouse, inspire, encourage, urge, actuate, initiate

Atn: end, neglect, finish, tranquillize, discourage, destroy

Exp: The celebrity liked to **foment** rumours by posting cryptic statements about her private relationships online.



EXPUNGE

(verb) obliterate or remove completely

Syn: erase, remove, delete, cancel, annul, destroy, extinguish, eliminate, abolish

Atn: Add, establish, build, construct, create, allow

Exp: The president has the power to **expunge** any person's criminal history in order to give that individual a fresh start in life.



WITHERING

(adj.) intended to make someone feel humiliated

Syn: scornful, contemptuous, mocking, sneering, disdainful,

Atn: encouraging, admiring, inspiring, supporting,

Exp: A **withering** look from his wife silenced him



STAID

(adj.) respectable, unadventurous

Syn: sedate, respectable, quiet, serious, serious-minded, steady

Atn: excited, indecorous, adventurous, frivolous

Exp: My **staid** professor was not impressed when I told a joke about my missing assignment.



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