

## Tough Words

Atopy—an inherited tendency to develop allergies like asthma, stuffy nose, etc.

Barathea—a fabric with a broken rib weave and pebbly texture.

Contumacious—stubbornly disobedient

Douceur—a conciliatory gift

Embrocate—to moisten and rub a part of the body with lotion

Fulgurous—emitting flashes of or like lightning

Gules—the heraldic color red

Hexenbesen—a witches' broom

Indagate—to search into, investigate

Jactitation—a tossing to and fro or jerking and twitching of the body

Kyte—stomach, belly

Luculent—clear in thought or expression

Maugre—a heavy hammer often with a wooden head used, especially for driving wedges of piles

Nidification—the act, process, or technique of building a nest

Osculate—to kiss

Parturient—bringing forth or about to bring forth young

Quotha—to express surprise or contempt

Ramate—having branches

Splore—frolic, carousal, commotion

Thrasonical—bragging, boastful

Umbo—a rounded elevation

Vendue—a public sale at auction

Widgeon—any of several freshwater ducks

Xiphoid—shaped like a sword

Yare—set for action, characterized by speed and agility

Zori—a flat thonged sandal usually made of straw, leather, or rubber