

# Vocabulary #1

Standard vocabulary & Summer Movie Poster  
jargon



**ameliorate (v)**  
to make better; to improve

A close-up photograph showing a person's hands using a dark blue cloth to polish a shiny chrome faucet. The faucet is set against a light-colored wooden backsplash. The person's hands are visible, with one hand holding the cloth and the other supporting the faucet. The faucet has a curved spout and a small handle. The background is a wooden wall with a visible grain.

**burnish (v)**  
**to make or become**  
**smooth, bright, and glossy**



cynic (*n*)  
one who believes others  
are motivated entirely by  
selfishness



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THANK YOU  
VERY MUCH.

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eminence (*n*)  
superiority in position or  
rank



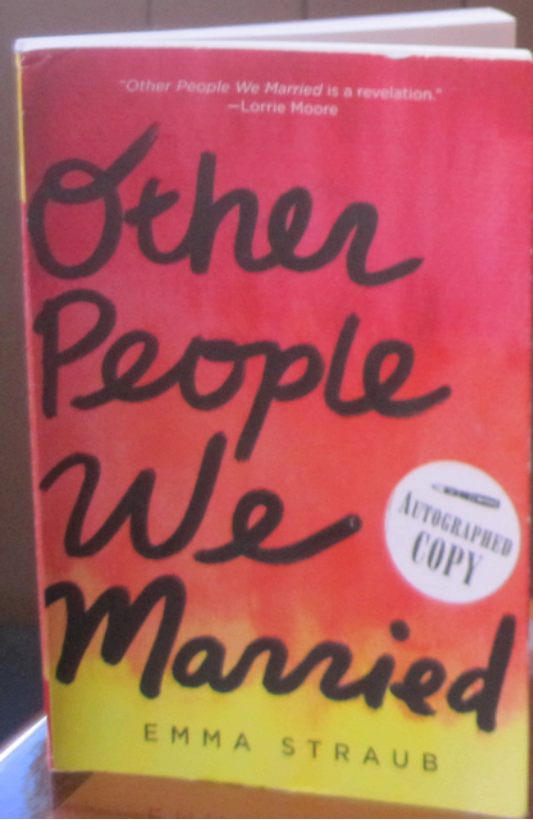


flippant (*adj*)

impertinent; disrespectful



incisive (*adj*)  
cutting into







**litigate (v)**  
**to contest in a lawsuit**



**pallid (*adj*)**  
**pale; colorless**

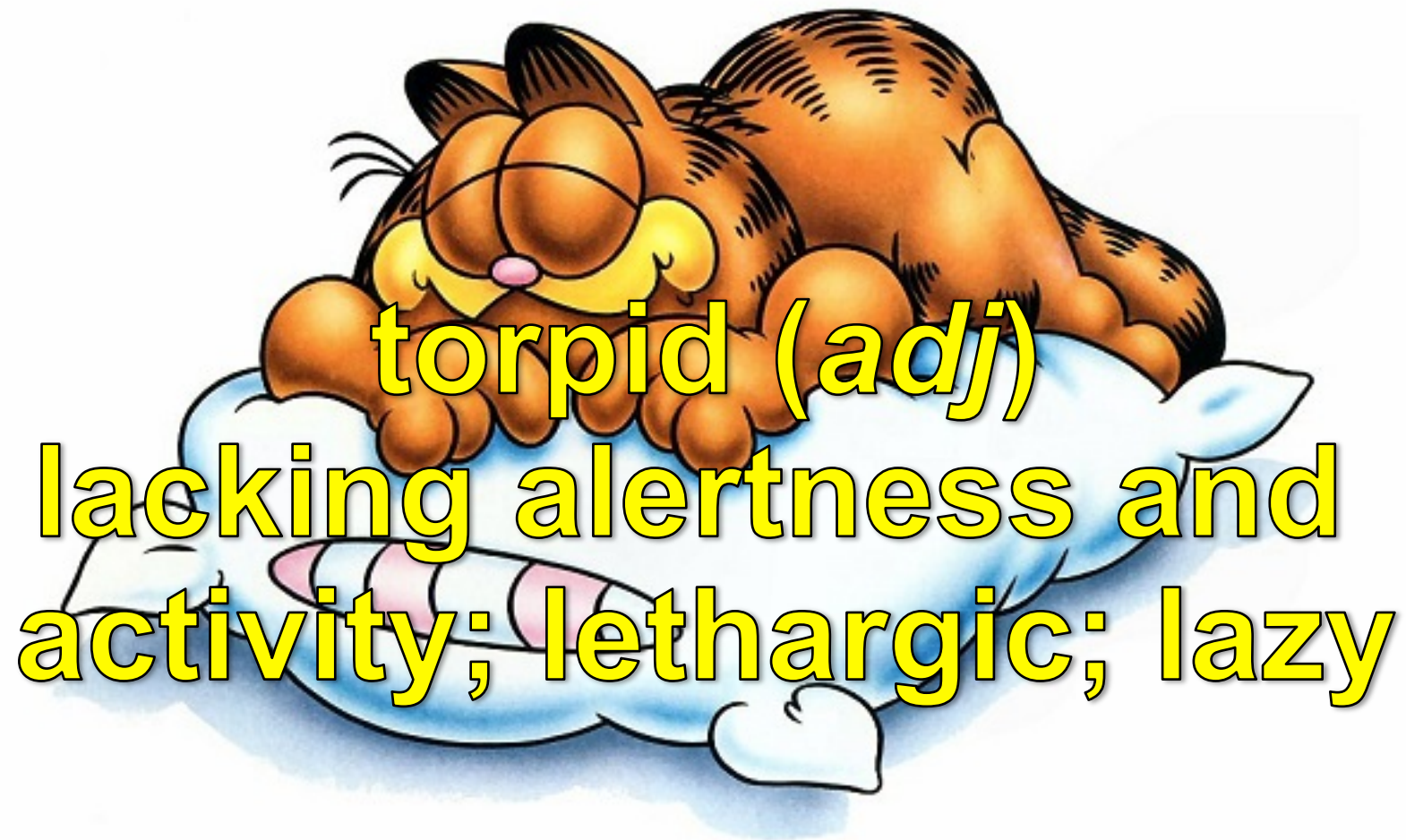


**quandary (*n*)**  
**dilemma; problem**





rummage (v)  
search thoroughly



torpid (*adj*)

lacking alertness and  
activity; lethargic; lazy





**vertigo (*n*)**  
**dizziness**

A cartoon illustration of a man with curly hair and glasses, wearing a suit, standing and speaking to a group of five people seated at a long table. The man is gesturing with his right hand. The seated people are looking towards him with varying expressions of interest and skepticism.

encapsulate (v)  
to express something in  
concise form

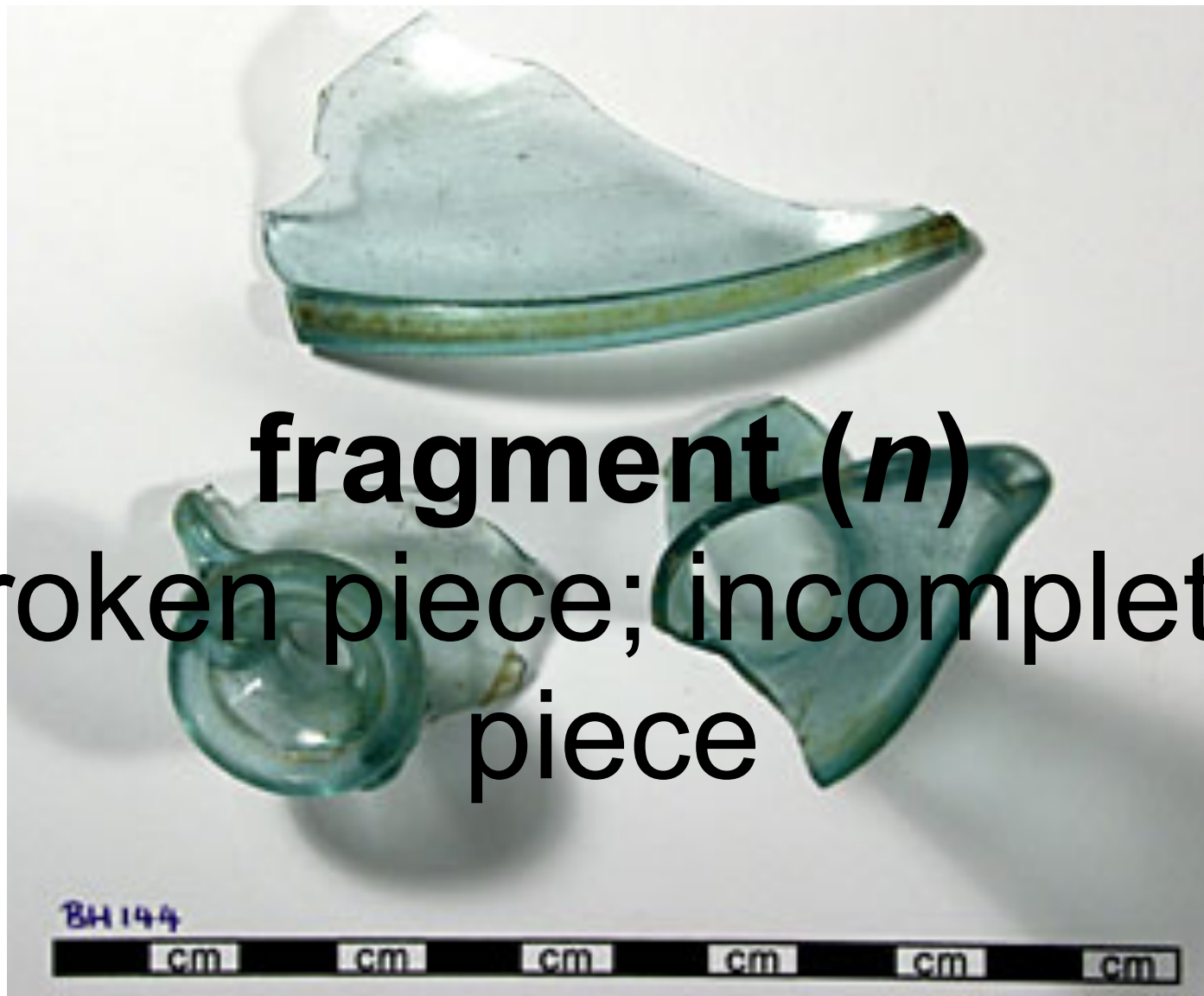
"Everything that other guy said  
is a bunch of lies.  
Thank you very much."

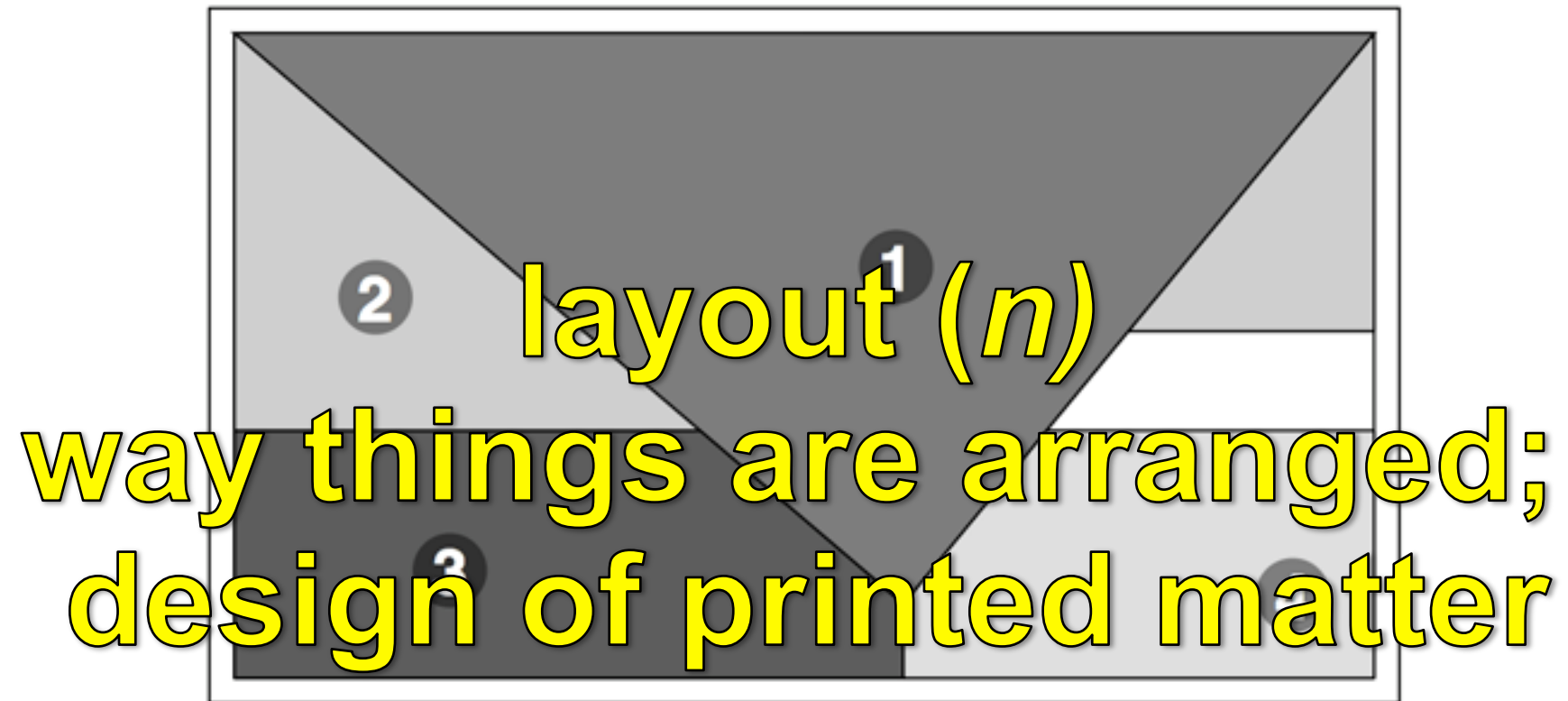



entice (v)  
tempt by offering  
something attractive



**fragment (*n*)**  
broken piece; incomplete  
piece





A hand holds a black smartphone. The screen shows a photograph of a person in a green and yellow outfit, possibly a cheerleader or performer, with their mouth open as if shouting or singing. The photo is oriented horizontally on the screen. Overlaid on the image in large, bold, yellow text with a black outline is the definition of 'orientation'.

**orientation (*adj*)**  
**position or direction in**  
**which something lies**





review (n)

to write a journalistic report  
on the quality of a new  
play, book, movie, concert,  
or other public  
performance

*The latest Marvel film to hit the big screen has it all*

★★★★

Robert Downey Jr., Terrence Howard, Jeff Bridges,  
Gwyneth Paltrow, Samuel L. Jackson

Directed by: Jon Favreau

FOR THE first time, the Marvel movie Iron Man is flying to the big screen and his debut in the first of a new series of Comics adaptations isn't disappointing. It's a new standard for superhero movies with a steady dosage of action contains unreal amounts of money, explosions, and In this blockbuster Robert Downey Jr. shoots for the stars as Iron Man and is When Tony Stark, the head of Stark Industries, is captured by a Middle Eastern power, he must use his own technology to find freedom. Tony finds some

★★★★ Classic/ ★★★½ Excellent/ ★★★ Good/ ★★ Fair/ ★ Poor





tag line (n)

a phrase repeatedly used in connection with a person, organization, or product, especially in publicity



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Vorsprung durch Technik

MAX FACTOR  
THE MAKE-UP OF MAKE-UP ARTISTS

TESCO  
Every little helps



The first 30 years were just the beginning.

Welcome to 2007.

**teaser (*n*)**

**a preview intended to  
arouse curiosity and  
interest in a forthcoming  
broadcast or publication**