

# Nota Bene: V

## V

**vacillate:** to waver between opinions

**vacuous:** without content; lacking any intelligence

**vagary:** an unexpected or seemingly capricious turn of events

**vagueness:** a property of a predicate expressing the idea that small changes in an object make no difference to the applicability of the predicate

**valid:** a deductive argument whose premises, if they were all true, would provide conclusive grounds for the truth of its conclusion

**vanguard:** the most advanced groups (e.g., of a military force or social movement)

**vapid:** flat, flavorless

**variegated:** changing in color

**venal:** corrupt, mercenary

**vener:** a superficial or deceptive covering

**venerable:** dignified and worthy of admiration

**veracious:** truthful, earnest

**verbiage:** unnecessary words

**verbose:** wordy

**verdant:** green (with plant life)

**veritable:** authentic, true

**vernacular:** the mode of expression in language accepted in a given circle

**vertigo:** a feeling of dizziness and disorientation

**vestige:** a remaining sample of something no longer common

**vexation:** irritation

**via:** by way of

**via media:** the middle path

**vicarious:** arising from the experiences of others rather than one's own experience

**vice versa:** with the order or meaning reversed

**villain:** from villanus - farm hand

**vindicate:** prove correct

**vindictive:** mean-spirited

**virile:** forcefully masculine in terms of drive and energy

**visage:** the face; appearance

**vis-à-vis:** face to face

**visceral:** deeply felt

**viscid:** sticky

**vitiate:** to pollute, to impair

**vitriolic:** acidic (literally and figuratively)

**vituperative:** verbally abusive, insulting

**vivacious:** spirited

**vociferous:** marked by noisy exclamation

**volatile:** potentially unstable

**volubility:** quality of being overly talkative, glib

**voluntarism:** the view that asserts the primacy of will over intellect (as explanatory of human behavior, God's nature, or the universe as a whole):

**voluptuous:** sensually enjoyable

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**voracious:** greedily hungry

**vox populi, vox dei:** the voice of the people is the voice of God