Weekly Words

Week of 10/23/17

flinch : is a noun or a verb that means **to move suddenly in pain or fear**.  You might flinch when you are getting a flu shot.  We can add the verb suffixes without spelling change: flinched, flinching

judge: is a noun or verb.  The noun meaning is a person who works in the courts to decide cases.  The verb meaning, though, can apply to everyone.  It means **to form opinions about**.   You should not judge a book by its cover.  Watch for spelling change with verb suffixes:  judged, judging.  There is another noun form, judgement, which means the deciding of a judge.

tradition: is a noun that means **a belief or custom that is handed down inside a group or culture.** Sometimes it means old fashioned.  Your family has traditions for holidays.  Traditional is the adjective form.

drama : is a noun that means **something that happens that is filled with emotion**.  A play is a drama.  Many movies are dramas.  Dramatic is the adjective form.   Dramatically is the adverb form.

skeptic: is a noun that means **someone who doubts**.  A skeptic wouldn't believe me if I told him I was a spy.  Skeptical is the adjective form.   Skeptically is the adverb form.

critic: is a noun that means **someone who judges whether something is good or not**.  Critics write about movies, and we can read their opinions before we decide to go.  Critical is the adjective form.  Critically is the adverb form.