

Nickel & Dimed Vocabulary#2:

1. **Neophyte** beginner, someone new to a skill or subject
I meant someone much younger than myself, some hungry neophyte journalist with time on her hands.
2. **Agape** p20 n. (Greek) love (especially love that is spiritual and selfless in nature)
Maybe the high levels of agape can be found throughout the "hospitality industry."
3. **Unencumbered**: not weighed down or to not carry a burden Pg. 7
In addition to being mobile and unencumbered, I am probably in a lot better health than most members of the long-term low-wage workforce.
4. **Toil** - works hard and continuously, struggles page 7
They often **toil** long, irregular hours for not much money
5. **Misgiving**- feeling of doubt, distrust, or apprehension. Adding to my **misgivings**, certain family members kept reminding me unhelpfully that I could do this project, after a fashion, without leaving my study.
6. **Prone**- having a natural inclination or tendency to something; disposed
No one likes to face injury, but runners especially seem **prone** to injuries
7. **Medicaid** - any of various government-funded programs to provide medical, care to a population
But if the question was whether a single mother could survive without government assistance in the form of food stamps, **Medicare**, and house subsidies, the answer was well known before I left the comforts of home.
8. **Rant** - to speak or declaim extravagantly or violently
I would do my best to do a good job without **ranting** about it.
9. **Deception** - something that is intended to be a fraud; artifice.
*This **deception** bothers me, in the case of the people I met and liked.*
10. **Scenario** - an imagined or projected sequence of events, especially any of several detailed plans or possibilities
My story is, in fact, a best case **scenario** of the working poor.
11. **Inflection** - the process or device of adding affixes to or changing the shape of a base to give it a different syntactic function without changing its form class.
Their emotional transparency was rooted in the fact that each expressive **inflection** was joined seamlessly to the next.
12. **Jargon** - the language, especially the vocabulary, peculiar to a particular trade, profession, or group
Often people do not make a will because they are confused by the lengthy legal **jargon**.
13. **Elaboration** - to state something in detail or add more details
Upon **elaboration** of the project, it was decided that the company would wait to make any intensive changes in their policies.
14. **Pallid** - p 134 abnormally deficient in color as suggesting physical or emotional distress
So, I now have a friend in Minneapolis, and the odd thing is that she is the original-the woman who uprooted herself and come out somehow on her feet and who did all of this in real-life and with children- while I am the imitation, the **pallid**, child-free pretender.