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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere

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(adjective) PRIS-teen

Immaculate, unspoiled, original, clean, untouched, unused.

For climbers, nothing beats being up in the mountains, with a view of the Alps, breathing the pure mountain air and surrounded by **pristine**, er, yellow snow. Unfortunately mountain climbers, like everybody else, need to answer the call of nature ...

Deutsche Presse Agentur, *Spiegel Online*, 24 July 2007.
Spiegel Online

We set out early in immaculate vans, with a small army of businessmen and a boot full of **pristine** white Wellingtons, to walk the nurseries that lie on the outskirts of Tokyo.

Dan Pearson, *The Observer*, 20 January 2008. The Observer

In places where they have serious winters, serious cyclists invest in studded snow tyres, which have little pointy carbide nipples set in each rubber block of the tread. They may sound like accessories for an S&M scene, but these can cope with almost any surface short of a **pristine** skating rink.

Matt Seaton, *The Guardian*, 3 January 2008. Guardian

But, knowing that she would need to make a final and unforgettable impression - at her execution - she had managed to acquire a **pristine** chemise, petticoat, morning dress, and bonnet, all in white.

Judith Thurman, *The New Yorker*, 25 September 2006.
The New Yorker

This must be fun, one presumes, for the large and talented cast melodramatically sporting the ketchup-colored goop, but how about the backstage minions who have to make stage, costumes and actors **pristine** before the next blood bath?

Naomi Siegel, *The New York Times*, 27 January 2007.
New York Times