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lugubrious

Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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lugubrious

(adjective) loo-GOO-bree-us

Gloomy, mournful, dismal.

Talbot moved out on to the port wing to join the lieutenant who stood there, a tall, thin young man with fair hair, thick pebbled glasses and a permanently **lugubrious** expression.

Alastair MacLean, *Santorini*.

They are a very **lugubrious** bunch, the Shia. Very death-obsessed.

Bruce LaBruce, quoted in an article by Matthew Hays, *The Guardian*, 25 January 2008. *The Guardian*

He has been trawling a lot of video and audiotapes, though, tracking Peel's accent as it evolved from the early BBC London years to the more **lugubrious** tone of his late-night Radio 1 shows.

Phil Hogan, *The Observer*, 29 July 2007. *The Observer*

Berlioz described his cantata "La Mort de Cléopâtre" as "sombre, broad, sinister and **lugubrious**: a great voice breathing a menacing lament in the mysterious stillness of the night."

Vivien Schweitzer, *The New York Times*, 12 January 2008. *New York Times*

Everybody talks with painful slowness, as if the icy air were freezing their chops; the resulting mood is **lugubrious** and oddly winning.

Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, 1 April 1996. *The New Yorker*