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diaphanous

Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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diaphanous

(adjective) die-AF-un-us

Clear, transparent, translucent, delicate, light, gauzy, insubstantial.

From the rickety bridge I looked upwards to the waterfall, perhaps fifty feet above us; at the spot where it vanished into ferns and flowers it was frothing like a **diaphanous** white ball gown.

Noel Barber, *The Other Side of Paradise*.

Sitting in the warm purpley-blue dusk, watching an ethereal moon rise, trailing **diaphanous** veils of cloud, they ate a leisurely meal of iced cucumber soup, lasagne, dolcelatte, and tangy apricots.

Lee Wilkinson, *Joy Bringer*.

The water shone pacifically; the sky, without a speck, was a benign immensity of unstained light; the very mist on the Essex marshes was like a gauzy and radiant fabric, hung from the wooded rises inland, and draping the low shores in **diaphanous** folds.

Joseph Conrad, *Heart of Darkness*.

The wide expanse that opened out before the heights on which the Russian batteries stood guarding the bridge was at times veiled by a **diaphanous** curtain of slanting rain, and then, suddenly spread out in the sunlight, far-distant objects could be clearly seen glittering as though freshly varnished.

Leo Tolstoy, *War and Peace*.