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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere
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(adjective) pro-ZAY-ik

Commonplace, dull, matter-of-fact, lacking imagination, straightforward.

May I tell her, as we have known one another for a very long time, that it is not lack of imagination that is the problem but the much more **prosaic** matter of finding a Minister whose diary fits both the requirements of the House and their overseas duties?

Jack Straw, *Commons Hansard*, 15 March 2007. Commons Hansard

The title refers to the infamous encryption machine employed by the Germans in the Second World War, although viewers may be excused for noting a deeper mystery: how could anyone make such a **prosaic** film out of such promising material?

Anthony Lane, *The New Yorker*, 6 May 2002. The New Yorker

The papers capture the heroism and brutality, the successes and disappointments, the grand ideas about equality and brotherhood, and the more **prosaic** economic and political calculations that together defined the movement.

Brian Ward, *Guardian Unlimited*, 16 November 2007. Guardian Unlimited