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Word of the Day - for Toastmasters everywhere  
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(adjective) ver-ee-SIM-i-lur

Seemingly true or real.

The writer's cunning is shown by the fact that he does not stop abruptly: but finishes off with some subsequent and quite **verisimilar** experiences of the Dutch ship.

George Saintsbury, *The English Novel*.

And will we, in the age of the image, become too easily accustomed to **verisimilar** rather than true things, preferring appearance to reality and in the process rejecting the demands of discipline and patience that true things often require of us if we are to understand their meaning and describe it with precision?

Christine Rosen, *The Image Culture in The New Atlantis*, Number 10, Fall 2005, pp. 27-46. *The New Atlantis*

This I knew very well when I wrote my novels; and if, as I suspect, I failed to create a convincingly **verisimilar** atmosphere of aristocracy, it was not because I had any illusions or ignorances as to the common humanity of the peerage, and not because I gave literary style to its conversation, but because, as I had never had any money, I was foolishly indifferent to it, and so, having blinded myself to its enormous importance, necessarily missed the point of view, and with it the whole moral basis, of the class which rightly values money, and plenty of it, as the first condition of a bearable life.

George Bernard Shaw, *The Irrational Knot*.

But the realism may go too far: a "dynamic stains and sweat" feature adds **verisimilar** perspiration on clothing, skin and hair, which means long matches yield vicious pit stains.

Jonathan Paul, *The New York Times*, 16 September 2007.  
*New York Times*

Most likely, such correlation is caused by the fact that, at low water level, intense water mass mixing and export of biogenic substances from the bottom sediments to the euphotic zone are more **verisimilar**.

A. V. Goncharov, *Comparison of Reservoirs in the Moskvaâ€“Vazuza Water System*, in *Water Resources*, Vol. 34, No. 1, 2007. *Water Resources*