

WORD OF THE WEEK:

AUSPICIOUS

aus-pi-cious (ô-spīsh'əs)

PART OF SPEECH/DEFINITION:

ADJ.

1. Attended by favorable circumstances; propitious
2. Marked by success; prosperous.

SENTENCE: An auspicious start to school is not in the stars dear Brutus. It is in the workings of our minds.



ANTONYM: “inaspicious” meaning “not favorable”

STORY BEHIND THE WORD: “A WORD FOR THE BIRDS”

The ancient Romans had “augurs,” people or individuals that foretold the future by looking at signs and omens. An “auspex” was someone who told the future by observing the birds. So an “auspicious” omen was a good sign for the future as told by the birds.