

The only difference between stumbling blocks and steppingstones is the way in which we use them.



A black-necked stilt searches the shallow water for food in Florida. The species inhabits salt marshes and coastal bays in the East, ranging along the Atlantic Coast from Delaware and the Carolinas to northern South America. This was shot at the Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge that includes salt-water estuaries, brackish marshes, hardwood hammocks and pine flatwoods. The diverse landscape provides habitat for more than 310 species of birds, 25 mammals, 117 fishes and 65 amphibians and reptiles. Photo credit: Dimitri Gerondidakis

El Dorado

\el-duh-RAH-doh\
noun

Meaning

- 1 : a city or country of fabulous riches held by 16th century explorers to exist in South America
- 2 : a place of fabulous wealth or opportunity

Example Sentence

"To outsiders, California's Silicon Valley looks like a contemporary El Dorado." (*Time Magazine*, Sept. 3, 1984)

Did you know?

In the early 1500s, Spanish conquistadores heard tales of an Amazonian king who regularly coated his body with gold dust, then plunged into a nearby lake to wash it off while being showered with gold and jewels thrown by his subjects. The Spaniards called the city ruled by this flamboyant monarch "El Dorado," Spanish for "gilded one," and the story of the gold-covered king eventually grew into a legend of a whole country paved with gold. These days, "El Dorado" can also be used generically for any place of vast riches, abundance, or opportunity. It is also the name of actual cities in Arkansas and Kansas.

*Indicates the sense illustrated in the example sentence.

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