

# **Word of the Week**



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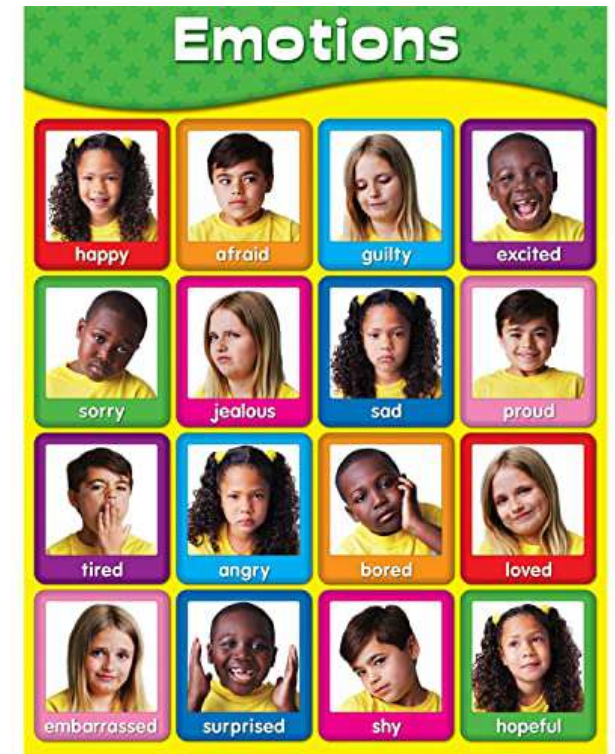
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# Emotion

Definition: Emotion is a human feeling like love, joy, sadness, or anger.

Sentence:

When we look at someone's face, we can often tell what **emotion** they are feeling.



# Exceptional

Definition: Especially talented or smart

Sentence:

A two-year old piano player would be **exceptional**.



# Perseverance

Definition: To keep doing something even when it is hard

Sentence:

It took a lot of **perseverance** but the boy finally built a tower with all the blocks.



# Impartial

Definition: If a person is impartial, they act fairly. They do not give special attention to one person or group.

Sentence:

The teacher was **impartial** when calling on students in class. He did not call on the same students every time.



# Hectic

Definition: Very busy with lots of people moving around in a hurry and rush activity

Sentence:

The friends thought the mall was too **hectic** since so many people were shopping.



# Smidgen

Definition: A small amount of something

Sentence:

The recipe called for just a **smidgen** of salt, so I used my smallest spoon.



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# Election

Definition: An election is when people pick, choose, or vote for someone to be a leader

Sentence:

In November, we will have an **election** and people will vote for a president of the United States.





# Irritable

Definition: Easily made angry or annoyed

Sentence:

Kimberly was **irritable** when things did not go her way.



# Sweltering

Definition: Very hot

Sentence:

When the weather is **sweltering**, you should drink plenty of water.



# Persnickety

Definition: To be very picky about what you like

Sentence:

Mary would only write with  
glitter gel pens because she  
was so **persnickety**.



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# Cajole

Definition: To get someone to do something after trying for a while.

Sentence:

It took ten minutes to **cajole** the dog to come out from under the porch.

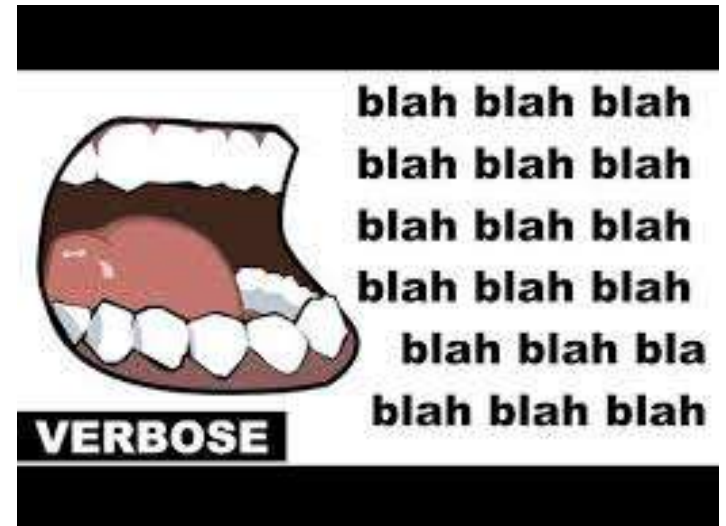


# Verbose

Definition: To use more words than are needed.

Sentence:

Her answer was so **verbose** when the question just needed a “yes” or a “no” reply.



# Cumbersome

Definition: Large or heavy and difficult to carry, wear, or work with

Sentence:

His coat was so **cumbersome**, he could barely move his arms.



# Belated

Definition: Something that happens later than it should have

Sentence:

I totally forgot Lucy's birthday, so I sent her a **belated** card.



# Trust

Definition: To trust someone is to believe they will tell you the truth and will not do anything to hurt you. If you trust someone, you believe them.

Sentence:

I **trust** my friend because she always tells the truth and is kind to everyone!





# Glisten

Definition: To shine because something is smooth, wet, or oily

Sentence:

Water **glistens** on the spider web in the sun.



# Ignore

Definition: When you don't pay attention to someone or something; when you don't notice.

Sentence:

The dog **ignored** the man when he told him to sit.



# Consequence

Definition: Something that happens because of or as a result of something else

Sentence:

One **consequence** of driving too fast or texting while driving is having an accident.



# Proximity

Definition: Proximity to a place or person is how near or close things are to each other.

Sentence:

For social distancing, desks are not in close **proximity**.

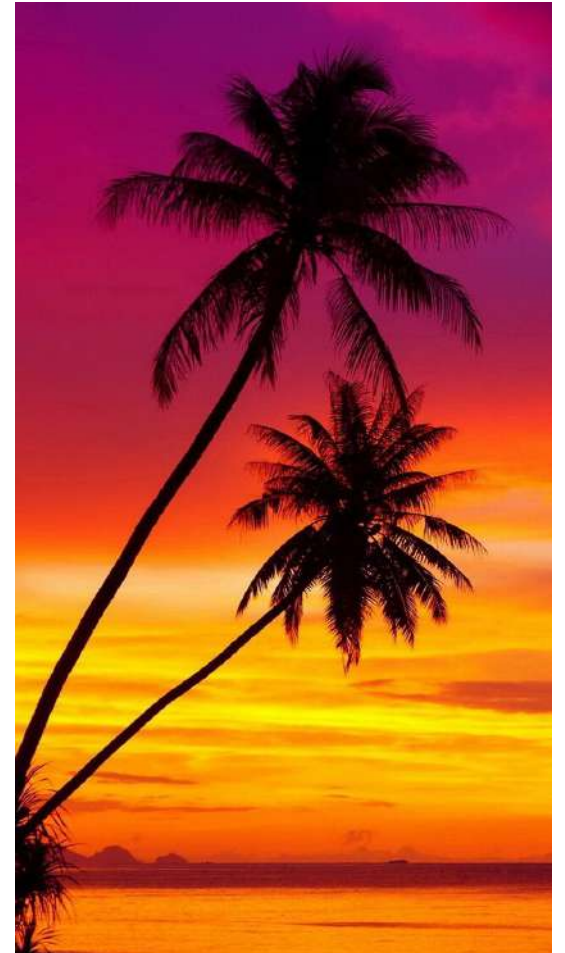


# Vibrant

Definition: Someone or something that is vibrant is exciting, full of energy, and interesting.

Sentence:

The colors of the sky at sunset were **vibrant**.



# Integrity

Definition: Someone who has integrity is honest, reliable and always tries to do what is right.

Sentence:

All of our students work hard to always do what is right and to act with **integrity**.



# Grateful

Definition: If you are grateful for something or someone, you are thankful, positive, and pleased.

Sentence:

The boy was **grateful** for everything his teacher did to help him, so he made her a card with a heart on front.



# Dread

Definition: To be afraid of something you must do or be uncomfortable about something that might happen.

Sentence:

I used to **dread** going to the dentist, but now it's fine!





# Valiant

Definition: If you are valiant, you are very brave, especially when something is very difficult.

Sentence:

The **valiant** man saved the dog that fell through the ice.



# Secure

Definition: Something that is safe, reliable, and protects from danger.

Sentence:

The baby was **secure** in his car seat.



# Negotiate

Definition: To talk about something and try to come to an agreement. To discuss a problem to find a solution

Sentence:

The family **negotiated** to decide who would do what jobs so everyone could work together and clean the room.



# Calm

Definition: If you are calm, you are relaxed, quiet, and peaceful. You are not angry, excited, or upset.

Sentence:

The girl's teacher taught her to do mindful breathing and this helped her to feel **calm**.



# Brilliant

Definition: Very bright; very clever

Sentence:

Jordan was a **brilliant** student. He could do amazing things!



# Bewilder

Definition: To confuse

Sentence:

The math problem **bewildered** most of the students.



# Luminous

Definition: Something that is luminous shines or glows in the dark.

Sentence:

Even though the room was dark, I could tell what time it was because the numbers on the clock were **luminous**.

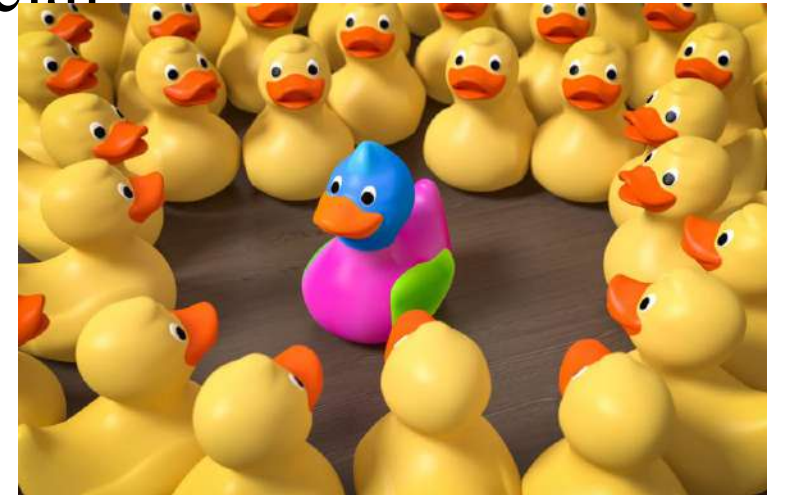


# Unique

Definition: Someone or something that is unique is “one of a kind” or very special

Sentence:

There was one duck that was **unique** compared to all the others.





# Emulate

Definition: If you emulate something or someone, you imitate or copy them.

Sentence:

The little boy tried to **emulate** his dad because he wanted to be just like him.



# Ravenous

Definition: Extremely or very, very hungry.

Sentence:

The man was so **ravenous** that he ate the whole pizza!



# Impede

Definition: To impede something or someone means to make it hard for them to move, progress, or develop

Sentence:

Rocks that fell into the road **impeded** the travel of cars and trucks.



# Grimace

Definition: A grimace is a face you make when you are unhappy, disgusted, or in pain. When you grimace, you twist your face in an ugly way.

Sentence:

The player **grimaced** in pain after he was hit in the head.



# Reminisce

Definition: When you reminisce, you think, talk or write about things you remember that have happened to you.

Sentence:

Grandma liked to **reminisce** about her childhood by showing her grandson pictures of herself when she was a young girl.



# Protrude

Definition: If something protrudes, it sticks out.

Sentence:

Some kids painted shark teeth on a sharp rock that **protruded** from the water.



# Pause

Definition: To pause means to stop for a short time and then start again or continue.

Sentence:

The girl **paused** her bike for a minute to take a drink from her water bottle.

