

Word of the Week



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Astonished

Definition: Surprised or amazed like when you've seen or heard something that you can't believe

Sentence: We were **astonished** to see a seven-year-old boy pass by us driving his family's car!



Sparse

Definition: Something that is sparse is a small amount and spread out or scattered over an area.

Sentence: Even though the newborn had **sparse** hair, her mom had her wear an adorable headband.



Vacant

Definition: 1. Something that is vacant is empty – like a vacant lot.

Definition 2. A vacant “look” is a blank look or one without emotion.

Sentence 1: The **vacant** lot was a great space to build a new playground and baseball field.

Sentence 2: The child at the window had a **vacant** stare.



Fixated

Definition: If you are fixated on something, you are very focused or even obsessed about it. You think about it a lot or excessively

Sentence: The cat was **fixated** on the bird nest outside the window and stared at it for an hour.



Luscious

Definition: A food that is delicious and sweet and tastes or smells good is described as being luscious.

Sentence: To a chocolate lover, this cake is a **luscious** dessert.



Turbulent

Definition: Wild; changing suddenly; full of disorder, irregular motion

Sentence: During the storm, the lighthouse was surrounded and battered by the **turbulent** sea.



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Embellish

Definition: To make beautiful with decorations or by adding fancy details; to make more attractive or interesting

Sentence: She **embellished** her white sneakers using gold sparkle paint and jewels.



Ominous

Definition: Something that is ominous makes you worry and think something bad is going to happen; something scary or threatening.

Sentence: The clouds looked **ominous**, so I decided to shut the windows and stay inside my house until they passed.



Flawless

Definition: Perfect; free from defects or errors; impeccable

Sentence: The skater's performance was **flawless** and she won the gold medal!



Incessant

Definition: Endless or nonstop; constant; relentless

Sentence: Whenever he heard thunder, our dog began **incessant** barking!



Demolish

Definition: To destroy something.

Sentence: When Candlewood Lake Elementary School is built, workers will **demolish** the Huckleberry building.



Impeccable

Definition: Perfect; elegant; flawless; no faults

Sentence: The tailor was measuring the suit to make sure it would look **impeccable** when the man wore it.



Devious

Definition: Someone is devious if they are dishonest, sneaky, or scheming.

Sentence: The judge told the man that what he did was absolutely **devious** and against the law so he would be punished.



Melancholy

Definition: You describe something as melancholy when it gives you a strong or intense feeling of sadness or gloom.

Sentence: The girl was filled with **melancholy** thoughts after she missed the last plane home.



Contraption

Definition: A word to describe a machine or a device that may look strange and you are not sure what it is used for.

Sentence: My sister built a strange **contraption** with legos for her science homework.



Abstain

Definition: If you abstain from something, it means you make the decision to not do something you really want to do.

Sentence: She **abstained** from eating the sugary donuts, even though they were her favorites, and had a healthy snack instead.



Innovative

Definition: Creative or inventive; new or original

Sentence: The wheel is an **innovative** tool that has changed many things since it was first made.



Desperate

Definition: If you are desperate, you are in such a bad situation that you are willing to try anything to change it. If you are desperate for something or to do something, you really want or need it or to do it.

Sentence: They were so **desperate** to find their dog that they searched in the dark.



Grudge

Definition: If you hold a grudge against someone, you stay angry with them or have unfriendly feelings for them because of something they did in the past.

Sentence: Both girls held a **grudge** about a silly thing they disagreed about earlier in the day and it ruined their whole afternoon!



Conscientious

Definition: Someone who is conscientious takes care to do their work very carefully and correctly, paying attention to details.

Sentence: The students were very **conscientious** about how they completed their work.



Famished

Definition: To be very hungry or ravenous

Sentence: In many places, people do not have enough food and they are regularly **famished**.



Disgust

Definition: A feeling of strong dislike or disapproval

Sentence: I was filled with **disgust** when I saw the fly in my soup.



Haphazard

Definition: Not having, or lacking, a plan, organization, order, or direction.

Sentence: The books were not organized; they were thrown about in a **haphazard** manner.



Stunned

Definition: Amazed, shocked, very surprised

Sentence: She was **stunned** when she learned she won the race!



Nocturnal

Definition: Occurring at night; active at night

Sentence: Not all owls are **nocturnal**; some are active during the day and rest at night.



Hectic

Definition: A hectic situation is one that is very busy and has a lot of rushed activity.

Sentence: It was a very **hectic** morning as the family tried to eat breakfast and get ready to go to work and school!



Yearning

Definition: A yearning for something is to want it very much or to have a strong desire.

Sentence: The girl was thrilled to get the puppy she was **yearning** for since last year.



Pungent

Definition: Something that is pungent has a very strong, sharp, unpleasant smell.

Sentence: Mom asked him to take his **pungent** sneakers out of the kitchen and put them in the garage.



Charge

Definition: Sudden movement towards something or someone; to run or lunge at

Sentence: The horses **charged** through the snow as they headed home!



Humiliate

Definition: To humiliate someone means to say or do something that makes them feel ashamed, embarrassed, or stupid.

Sentence: Be kind to others and take care to not **humiliate** your classmates. The boy felt **humiliated** when his friends pointed at him and laughed at him.



Deluge

Definition: A deluge is when a large number of something arrives at once; a flood or overflowing water.

Sentence: The broken pipe caused a **deluge** of water to come through the kitchen ceiling.



Livid

Definition: Extremely angry, furious, or raging

Sentence: The man was **livid** when the driver in front of him backed up and hit his car!



Lavish

Definition: Something that is described as lavish is very elaborate, impressive, and usually very expensive.

Sentence: It was a very **lavish** birthday party for a two-year old.



Excruciating

Definition: Extremely painful

Sentence: The runner pulled a muscle in his leg and the pain was **excruciating**.



Inescapable

Definition: Impossible to get away from or unavoidable

Sentence: The gate was designed to create a space that was **inescapable** to protect both the dog and the baby.



Laborious

Definition: A difficult or exhausting task or job that takes a lot of time and effort.

Sentence: Keeping a garden looking beautiful is **laborious**.



Drab

Definition: Dull or dreary; boring to look at or experience

Sentence: It was a **drab** day at the beach, not what we wanted for our vacation.



Crave

Definition: When you want something very much and it's all you think about, you *crave* it

Sentence: She had **craved** ice cream all day and was overjoyed when she saw her triple-scoop treat!

