

INTRO TO VOCABULARY

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1. Desolate

Adjective

[Des-uh-lit]

☐ Definition

(Of a place) deserted of people and in a state of bleak and dismal emptiness.

☐ Synonyms: Abandoned, empty, isolated

Verb

[Des-uh-leyt]

☐ Definition

Feeling or showing misery, unhappiness, or loneliness.
To lay waste or abandon.

☐ Synonyms: Devastate, ruin, wipe out, ravage

Examples

Adjective



Verb



2. Stance

- Pronunciation: [Stans]
- Part of speech: Noun
- Definition: The way in which someone stands.
The attitude of a person or organization toward something.
- Synonyms: Posture, attitude, body position, standpoint.



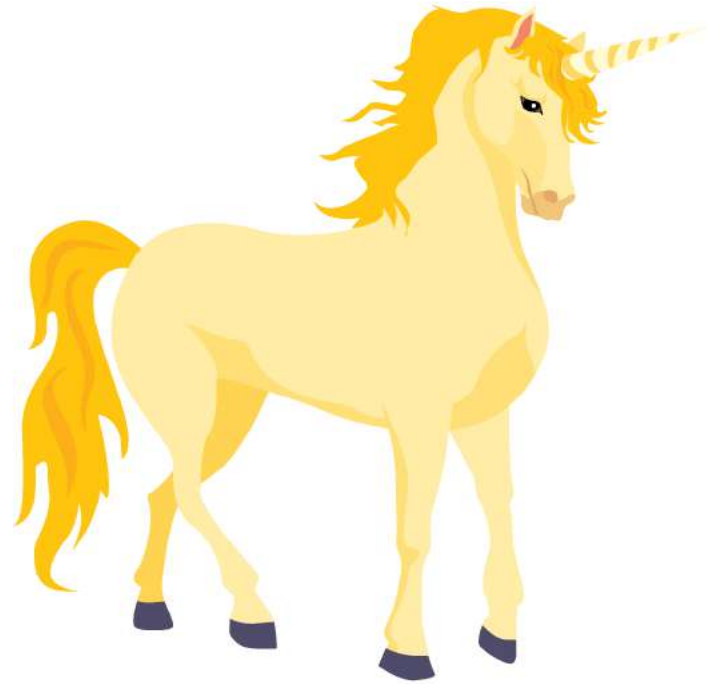
3. Chastise

- Pronunciation: [Chas-tahyz] or [Chas-tahyz]
- Part of speech: Verb
- Definition: To discipline
To criticize severely.
- Synonymous: Scold,
lecture, give someone's
a piece of one's mind.



4. Fallacy

- ❑ Pronunciation: [Fal-uh-see]
- ❑ Part of speech: Noun
- ❑ Definition: A mistaken belief, especially one based on unsound argument. A failure in reasoning that renders an argument invalid.
- ❑ Synonyms: Misconception, delusion, mistaken, myth.



5. Capacious

□ Pronunciation:

[Kuh-pey-shuh s]

□ Part of speech:
Adjective

□ Definition: Having a
lot of space inside.

□ Synonyms: Roomy,
big, large, spacious



6. Sporadic

- Pronunciation:
[Spuh-rad-ik]
- Part of speech: Adjective
- Definition: Occurring at irregular intervals or only in a few places.
- Synonyms: occasional, irregular, scattered, isolated



7. Theme

- ☐ Pronunciation: [Theem]
- ☐ Part of speech: Noun
- ☐ Definition: The subject of a talk, a piece of writing, a person's thoughts, or an exhibition.
- ☐ Synonyms: Topic, subject matter, concern



8. Haggard

- Pronunciation: [Hag-erd]
- Part of speech: Commonly noun
- Definition: Looking exhausted and unwell, especially from fatigue, worry, or suffering.
- Synonyms: Unhealthy, tired, run-down.



9. Lucrative

- Pronunciation: [loo-kruh-tiv]
- Part of speech: Adjective
- Definition: Producing a great deal of profit.
- Synonyms: Moneymaking, well paid, booming, high-income



10. Apprehend

(Verb) with object

[Ap-ri-hend]

☐ Definition:

Arrest (someone) for a crime.

☐ Synonyms: Capture, catch, seize.

Verb (without object)

☐ [Ap-ri-hend]

☐ Definition:

To understand

☐ Synonyms: Appreciate, grasp, comprehend, realize

Examples

Verb (with object)



Verb (without object)



11. Gullible

- Pronunciation: [Guhl-uh-buh l]
- Part of speech: Adjective
- Definition: Easily persuaded to believe something.
- Synonyms: Unsuspecting, naïve, overtrusting



12. Crucial

- Pronunciation:
[Kroo-shul I]
- Part of speech: Adjective
- Definition: A great importance
- Synonyms: critical, life-and-death, decisive, essential, urgent.



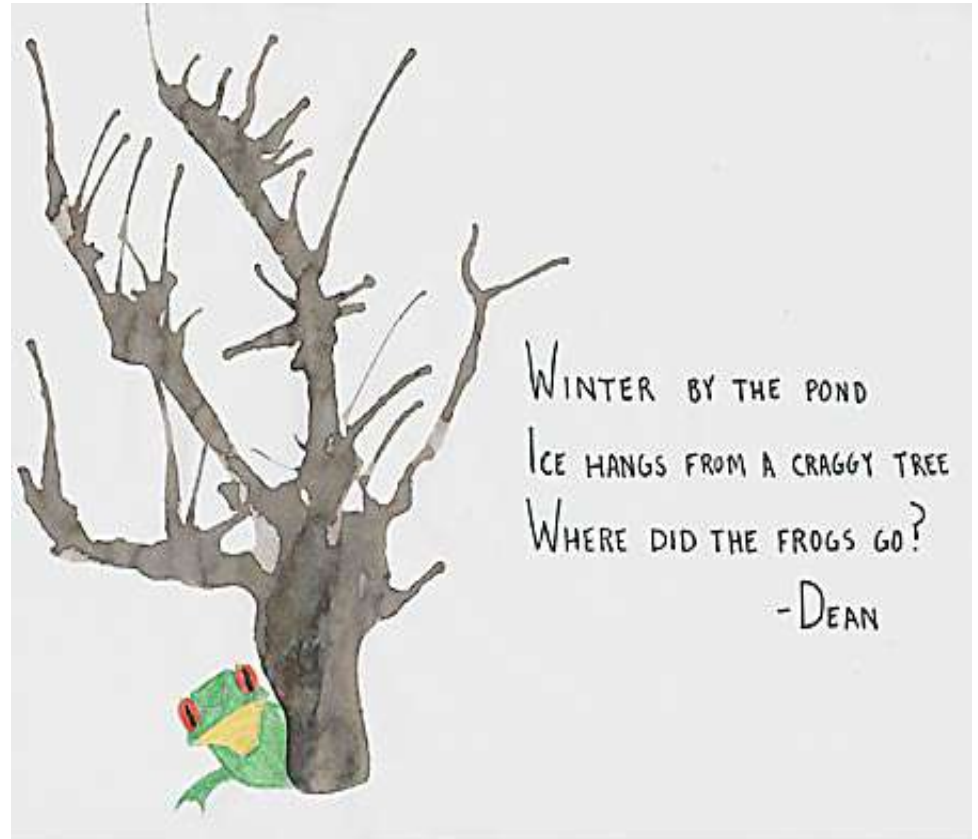
13. Avid

- Pronunciation:
- Part of speech:
Adjective
- Definition: Having an eager desire for something.
- Synonyms: Keen, enthusiastic, devoted, passionate, earnest.



14. Pithy

- Pronunciation:
- Part of speech:
Adjective
- Definition: Brief, forceful, and meaningful in expression.
- Synonyms: concise, to the point, expressive, compact.



15. Connoisseur

- Pronunciation:
[Kon-uh-sur, -soo r]
- Part of speech: Noun
- Definition: an expert judge
in matters of taste or any
fine art
- Synonyms: Specialist,
authority, judge.

