

Word	Definition	Context Sentence
accident	something bad that happens without being planned	I spilled the milk all over the table by accident.
admiring	looking at with wonder or respect	I was admiring the beautiful painting when my teacher said we had to leave the museum.
advice	opinion about how to solve a problem	Tommy couldn't figure out what to wear so he asked me for advice.
aim	point one thing at another	Sally took the baseball and aimed in the direction of the batter.
amount	the total number of things	The recipe told me the amount of sugar I had to use for a chocolate cake.
ancient	very old	Tiffany's mother gave her an ancient necklace that had once belonged to her great grandmother.
appointment	arrangement for a meeting at a specific time	I had an appointment to meet my doctor at four, but I was late.
approach	to come close to	Winnie approached the squirrel who ran away when Winnie got too close.
arrange	put in some kind of order	I arranged all my books in alphabetical order on the shelf.
assistant	a person who helps someone do a job	The assistant helped his boss plan a party for the office.
audience	a group of people who gather to see or hear a performance, such as a play	Peggy has stage fright and gets nervous when she walks out on stage and sees the audience.
average	ordinary, not special	Though Anna thought she was really tall, when she stood by the other girls in her class, she realized that she was average height.
brittle	easily broken or snapped	My grandmother takes vitamins so that her bones do not become brittle.
brunch	a meal that comes between breakfast and lunch	I sleep late on Sunday mornings and eat brunch at 11 AM.
canyon	a narrow valley with steep sides	In the middle of the hills, there was a deep canyon.
captain	the leader of a group	There were twelve members and one captain who led the group.
cartwheel	handspring that turns sideways	In gymnastics, first I did a handspring and then I turned sideways and did a cartwheel.
celebration	joyous event that honors holidays, achievements, or happy occasions	We have family celebrations for birthdays, graduations, and other happy events.
ceremony	formal act performed in honor of an occasion	My whole family came to the ceremony to celebrate my graduation.

cherish	care about deeply	I cherish our friendship and think we will be best friends forever.
choice	decision between different options	I had to make a choice and pick between the blue and black bows.
choosy	picky, hard to please	Toddlers are often choosy and it can be extremely difficult to make them happy.
clutch	hold tightly	Sam clutched onto his teddy bear to make sure that no one could take it from him.
coast	land along the sea	My family went to the coast for a beach vacation.
collapse	fall down	The house had been falling apart for years and then one day, the whole house just collapsed.
combine	to group things together	The recipe told us to combine the flour and sugar in the bowl and then to mix them together.
comfortable	at ease in mind or body	The couch was so comfortable that I fell asleep.
command	to direct or order	When the king commands that you do something it is an order and you can't say no.
compete	to take part with others in a contest	During the race, the tortoise and the hare were competing to see who could reach the finish line first.
concentrate	to pay close attention	Lenny couldn't concentrate in math class because he was very tired.
confident	sure of oneself, certain	I am confident that I am the best dancer in the room.
congratulations	an expression said to someone who has won or earned something	Jenny said "Congratulations" to Lizzy when Lizzy won the swim meet.
contagious	able to be spread by contact	Because colds are contagious and can be passed from one person to another, I always wash my hands well.
continent	one of the seven large land areas on Earth	There are seven continents and I live in North America.
converse	to talk to one another	I was conversing with Lucy when Adam interrupted us.
corral	a fenced in space for farm animals	The farmer keeps the sheep in the corral so that they can't run away.
council	meeting called to discuss things	After the children complained about the school, the teachers set up a council so that students could meet and talk about their concerns.
county	a section of a state	Delaware is a small state, but it is made up of many smaller counties.
creature	living thing	The zoo displayed many creatures living in their natural habitats.

cunning	able to fool or trick; sly or clever	Foxes are cunning and can easily trick people.
curious	full of questions	Curious George got his name because he was always full of questions.
dart	move swiftly	During the baseball game, I darted from base to base.
definitely	surely	I told Patsy that I wouldn't miss her party and I would definitely be there.
delicate	easily broken	My mom doesn't let me touch the delicate plates because they break easily.
delighted	very happy	Fido wagged his tail and panted loudly and you could tell that he was delighted to see the dog treat.
department	a part of a large organization such as a government or business	We only sell hats; this department does not sell shoes.
dependable	able to be trusted	I am a dependable worker because I always arrive on time.
detective	a person who solves mysteries	The detective collected evidence and finally figured out who stole the cookie from the cookie jar.
dreadful	very bad	Though I did very well on my last test, my score on this test was dreadful.
drift	to float or move freely	Shipwrecked, the pirate drifted slowly to the island's shore by clutching a piece of driftwood.
dusk	the time in the evening just before it gets dark	Together, they watched the sunset at dusk while sitting at the lake.
duty	job or responsibility	I took the class turtle home over Winter Break and it became my duty to feed him every day.
eager	full of energy and desire to do something	She knew her children were eager to get ice cream, so she took them to Ben & Jerry's that day.
earn	gain as the result of effort	I had to work very hard to earn the award for best effort.
edge	the border or end of something	If you get too close to the edge of the cliff, you might fall!
embrace	hug	I always give my mom a kiss and then embrace her tightly before I go to sleep.
enjoy	have a good time; take pleasure in	He enjoyed his birthday party so much that he didn't want it to end.
erupt	blow out lava, rocks, and gasses from a volcano	I watched the volcano erupt on TV and saw the lava flowing out of the volcano.
escape	to get away from danger	The stray dog escaped from the pound by slipping through a hole in the fence.

eventually	sometime in the future, finally	Don't worry about your work now; you'll finish it eventually.
explode	burst apart	The fireworks exploded in the sky in brightly colored patterns.
faithful	loyal	The faithful dog was always by his master's side.
familiar	well-known or recognized	The vacation was great, but it's nice to be back home in a familiar place.
farewell	goodbye	As she got on the train to leave, they waved farewell one last time.
fasten	attach	You should always fasten your seatbelt in the car.
fault	responsibility for a mistake; blame	It wasn't my fault I was late; the train broke down.
feast	a special celebration with a large amount of food	There was so much food at the Thanksgiving feast that everyone got a little to take home afterward.
firm	stem or commanding	The teacher was firm; there would be no recess until all class work was finished.
fluorescent	bright and glowing	The children's room was lit up brightly with fluorescent lights.
force	power that causes motion or change	He tackled the quarterback with such force that they both fell back several yards.
fortunate	lucky	After winning the lottery and winning the game, Sonny decided that he was a very fortunate boy.
furrow	long, deep groove dug into soil	At nighttime, the groundhog dug deeply into his furrow underneath the patio.
gallop	run at a horse's or pony's top speed	The horse started off slow but later began to gallop and I had to hold on tight so that I wouldn't fall off.
gaze	look with a long, steady stare	I could not take my eyes off of the beautiful moon and so I gazed at it all night long.
generation	people who grow up at about the same time	Since my mom and my aunt grew up at around the same time, they are from the same generation.
glance	take a quick look	He glanced quickly at his neighbor's test so he wouldn't get caught.
glisten	shine or sparkle	The diamond glistened brightly in the sunlight.
grumble	mutter a complaint	Johnny grumbled about having to clean the bathroom because he hated that chore.
guide	lead others to where they need to go	I couldn't find the right subway station so I had to ask someone to guide me there.
gym	large room used for indoor sports	The basketball team went to the gym to practice their game.

harvest	to gather a crop	In Autumn, farmers harvest the crops that they have been growing the whole year, in order to sell them at the market
host	one who provides the place for an event	He was a very good host, and welcomed each guest personally.
illuminate	light up; make brighter	The moon was bright and illuminated the beach at night.
landmark	an object or feature that is used to remember a place	Remember this McDonald's as a landmark, so we know which way to return.
language	a system of sounds and symbols used to communicate ideas	They spoke different languages, so they could not understand each other.
latch	to close a door with a movable bar that fits into a slot	They latched the barn door at night so the cows wouldn't escape.
lava	hot melted rock that pours from an erupting volcano	The volcano erupted violently, flooding the town below with lava.
litter	trash left on the ground	Pick up your trash; there is a \$500 fine for litter in this park!
long	to want very much	Susan longed to go home because she missed her parents very much.
loop	move in a circle	The snake looped around Tony's leg, making circle after circle around his ankle.
machete	a heavy knife used as a tool for cutting plants	Farmers cut sugarcane plants with machetes because sugarcane plants are too tough to cut with a normal knife.
magma	melted rock inside the earth	Though the surface of the earth is made of land and water, the inside is made of magma.
marine	found in the sea	There is a field trip to the aquarium for all students who want to study marine animals.
market	a public place where goods are sold	The markets in the street sold all kind of things, from necklaces to fruits.
medal	a small, flat piece of metal given as an award	The soldier received a Silver Star medal after the war for his bravery during combat.
message	information that is passed on to someone	My mom left a message on my answering machine, telling me to call her back.
miner	a person whose job is working in a mine to extract minerals or ores from the earth	A miner has to be strong enough to lift heavy rocks out of the earth.
mischief	naughty behavior	For their mischief, they both had to stay two extra hours in the detention center.

monitor	a person who watches over something	The class monitor watched the class while the teacher was away, and made sure that the students behaved well.
mumble	say in a low, unclear way	He mumbles when he talks, so it's hard to understand what he's saying.
mustache	hair between the nose and lips	When my daddy kisses me it tickles because his mustache over his lips touches my cheek.
nonsense	words or ideas that are foolish and have no real meaning	Stop reading that nonsense and get a good book at the library.
notice	become aware of, see for the first time	When my brother came in wearing a clown costume, the first thing I noticed was his big red nose!
nugget	small chunk	Even the smallest nugget of gold was worth a lot of money to the gold diggers.
obey	follow instructions	The dog was trained to obey the command "Sit!"
outstretched	extended; stretched forward	With my arm outstretched, I reached for the apple at the top of the tree.
particles	tiny pieces	One could see tiny particles of dust in the rays of light coming from the window.
patiently	in a way that shows a person is able to wait without complaining	Even though his train was three hours late, he patiently waited for it without complaining once.
peaceful	calm and quiet	I moved away from the city and into the country because I find that the country-life is less hectic and more peaceful.
peak	the top of a mountain	The peak of the mountain is covered with snow.
perform	to take part in a show	Susan performed very well in the school play - she acted, sang, and danced.
persistently	repeatedly; without giving up	Frank couldn't shoot the ball in the basket, but he tried persistently until he made it in.
positive	completely sure	The key wasn't in the desk now, but he was positive he had seen it there yesterday.
prefer	to like better than something else	I think chocolate ice cream is the best ice cream flavor, but Johnny actually prefers strawberry flavor over chocolate.
prescription	a doctor's written instructions for taking medicine	When I had the chicken pox, my doctor wrote a prescription for me.

pretend	to make believe	Johnny and Mary like to pretend they are dinosaurs during playtime; they roar and stomp around the whole time!
pride	a feeling of happiness and satisfaction about doing something well	I felt a sense of pride when my teacher told me I drew the best picture in the class.
profit	money gained by selling something	Today during the school bake sale, I made a profit of ten dollars from selling my old comic books!
pulp	the soft part of certain fruits and vegetables	I prefer my orange juice without pulp because I hate getting the chunky bits in my mouth.
rancher	someone who owns a large farm for raising animals	Emily's dad bought a huge farmhouse for his pigs, goats, and sheep to live - now he is a true rancher!
range	a line of mountains	The Appalachian Mountain Range is a very famous chain of mountains.
receive	to get	I received a good grade on my math quiz because I studied for it for a long time.
recite	to repeat from memory	The child recited his prayers that he learned in Sunday school, before going to bed.
return	give or bring back	I returned the shirt I bought yesterday at the store because it was too small.
roam	to wander; to move around without a purpose	My dog likes to roam around the house a lot and explore new smells.
settle	to make a home in a new space	Our family came from Russia, moved to America and settled in New Jersey.
skillet	heavy iron pan used for cooking and frying	I fried my breakfast sausages in a skillet on the stove.
skilled	being talented at something	She is a very skilled artist; all of her drawings look like actual photographs.
specific	exact	I know how to get to my friend's house but I don't know the specific number of their house.
sphere	a round object like a ball	A globe is shaped like a sphere; it's like a circle but 3-D.
splinter	sharp, thin piece that has broken off something	I got a splinter in my foot that broke off from the old wooden floor.
stadium	an arena or building with rows of seats built around a field	We went to a football stadium on Saturday to watch the game.
stray	to wander or get lost	Our new dog strayed into the neighbor's yard and ate their flowers.
streak	a quick flash of movement	A streak of lightning lit up the night sky for a brief moment.

stubborn	not changing one's ideas easily	The stubborn child refused to go to bed on time.
stumble	move in an unsteady way	The man was hurt and stumbled into the police station for help.
summon	call to come	The teacher summoned me over to talk with her about my project.
survive	live through something difficult	The dinosaurs did not survive the harsh weather conditions.
swift	very quick	The cheetah is very swift; in fact, it is the fastest land animal.
temperature	the measure of how hot or cold something is	The temperature outside is chilly today, so you should wear a jacket.
tender	easy to chew, soft	The meat was so tender that you didn't have to chew very hard in order to eat it.
tidbit	small piece of something	I wasn't very hungry, so I only ate some tidbits of the food.
tracks	prints left in the ground by an animal or person	The hunter knew where to find the deer because he followed the tracks that they left in the ground.
trail	a path through the wilderness	Make sure you follow the trail when you go through the woods so that you don't get lost.
train	teach a person or animal how to do something	People train their dogs to sit and stay.
unexpected	surprising	An unexpected rain storm arrived, ruining our picnic because nobody had umbrellas with them.
universe	everything that exists, including the sun, stars, all the planets, and outer space	Astronomers can study the universe by looking through the Hubble Telescope.
urgent	being very important and needing attention quickly	I have to leave because I have an urgent meeting to go to.
value	how much something is worth	A dollar has the same value as four quarters.
vanish	to go suddenly out of sight; disappear	During the 'Disappearing Act,' the magician vanished from sight.
wail	to cry loudly	The baby wailed because it was hungry.
weary	tired	The traveler was weary but he kept going till he had reached home.
windmill	a machine that uses the wind to generate power	The old-fashioned farm still used a windmill to generate most of its energy.
wise	able to understand important things	Older people are usually wiser than younger people because older people have experienced more things.