

Word	Definition	Sentence	Synonym	Antonym
Week 1				
fragile	easily broken or damaged	I carefully carried the fragile crystal vase.	breakable delicate	sturdy strong
research	to study a specific subject	We used the Internet to research facts about frogs.	study experiment	guess opinion
defend	to prove by giving evidence	I can explain how I solved the math problem to defend my answer.	prove uphold	quit attack
specific	to be particular or precise	Mom wrote the name of the specific cereal that I wanted on her grocery list.	exact precise	general vague
pledge	a promise or agreement to do or not do something	My class made a pledge to be students who have good character.	promise agreement	lie wish
Week 2				
assemble	to put together	He read the directions to assemble the book shelf.	build construct	break seperate
grumble	to complain about something in a quiet voice	Do not grumble about eating your vegetables.	complain whine	compliment praise
calculate	to determine the answer	I can skip count to calculate the answer to a multiplication fact.	solve determine	guess estimate
elegant	something that is high quality and fancy	The elegant restaurant served expensive food on china plates.	fancy beautiful	ugly cheap
privilege	a special benefit enjoyed only under special circumstances	She enjoys the privilege of dance classes because she has good grades.	honor benefit	obligation requirement

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pause	a short stop or rest	Connor had to pause and think about his answer before raising his hand.	stop rest	start begin
gasp	to breathe in quickly	Her heart beat wildly and she had to gasp for air.	inhale gulp	exhale blow
ancient	having existed for many years	The museum had ancient pots made by different Native American tribes.	old antique	young new
observe	to watch carefully	The scientist had to observe the plant for a week to complete his research.	notice watch	ignore overlook
brief	not very long	Sara wrote a brief summary of the book.	short concise	long extended
Week 4				
convince	to make a person agree or believe by using evidence	Hannah had to convince her mom that because she had good grades, she should be allowed to join the band.	persuade argue	discourage prevent
swiftly	moving with lots of speed	The runner swiftly past the finish line.	quickly fast	slowly gradually
rely	to depend on someone or something	Children rely on their parents for food and safety.	depend trust	doubt distrust
rare	very uncommon	The museum has many rare rocks and minerals on display.	uncommon unusual	common usual
precise	very exact	My teacher wants me to find the precise answer for these math facts.	exact correct	estimate guess

Week 5

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oppose	to be against something	Dad doesn't like sand, so he will oppose mom's idea to go to the beach.	disagree fight	agree consent
snide	to do something in a way that is mean or nasty	Her snide look made it clear that she did not trip me on accident.	nasty mean	kind nice
heap	a large collection of things thrown into a pile	The laundry lay in a heap on the floor.	pile stack	one little
diverse	different from one another	The restaurant has a very diverse menu with many kinds of food.	different unlike	same alike
origin	the start of something	The origin of the river was a spring high in the mountains.	beginning start	finish end
Week 6				
redundant	more than what is needed	Her speech was redundant since she kept repeating herself.	repetitive wordy	Limited incomplete
gesture	a movement of the body that shows an idea or feeling	The common gesture for "hello" is a wave of the hand.	movement sign	motionless stationary
acknowledge	to recognize	The teacher will acknowledge you when you raise your hand.	recognize respond	ignore overlook
clutch	to tightly hold something	The woman had a firm clutch on her purse	hold grasp	drop throw
persevere	to keep working on something even though it is difficult	The math homework is difficult, but I will persevere and finish the assignment.	persist endure	quit stop

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Week 7

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literal	following the usual meaning of words	She was not being literal when she told the dancer to “break a leg”.	precise exact	figurative idiom
dialogue	a conversation between two or more people	My mom and my teacher had a dialogue about my test scores.	conversation talk	silence quiet
rival	someone who is competing to earn or win something	John is a great speller, so he was a tough rival in the spelling bee.	competitor opponent	teammate partner
passion	a strong liking for something	Grandma has a passion for cooking and is happiest in her kitchen.	love affection	dislike hate
claim	to state as a fact	I can support my claim that this is the main idea by using supporting details.	state insist	question doubt

Week 8

acquire	to earn or obtain something	You can acquire a large vocabulary by reading lots of books.	earn obtain	give donate
thesis	a sentence written to persuade or prove an idea.	Her thesis was that children should eat less candy.	statement argument	question guess
loathe	to feel extreme dislike	I loath broccoli and will not eat it.	dislike detest	love like
rapidly	in a way that is very fast	My heart beat rapidly as I waited in line to ride the huge rollarcoaster!	fast quickly	slowly leisurely
convey	to make it known	Writers use strong words to convey the feelings of the	communicate tell	refrain hide

		characters in their stories.		
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gradually	moving or changing very slowly	We will gradually learn our multiplication facts during the school year.	slowly slightly	fast quickly
merchant	someone who sells goods to earn money	She will give the store merchant the money and he will place her groceries in a bag.	salesperson clerk	customer buyer
essential	something that is very important	It is essential that you put your name at the top of your homework.	necessary required important	unnecessary unimportant
fortunate	having good luck	He was fortunate that his mom brought his lunch when he forgot it.	lucky favorable blessed	unlucky unfavorable
immense	very great is size or amount	An immense crowd gathered to watch the parade.	large gigantic	small tiny
lob	to throw	The pitcher will lob the ball to the first baseman for the out.	throw toss	catch hold
tremble	to shake uncontrollably	He began to tremble as he walked into the haunted house.	shake shiver	freeze still
skeptic	someone who is slow to believe something	I have always been a skeptic when it comes to the fortunes in fortune cookies.	doubter unbeliever	believer follower
propose	to make a suggestion or share an idea	I propose that we order pizza since you are too tired to cook dinner.	suggest recommend	demand order
inflate	to fill with air or gas	Dad will inflate the balloons before the party.	expand fill	deflate shrink

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isolated	kept away from others	Mom kept Mark isolated from the family when he was sick.	alone secluded	together combined
alter	to make a small change	I decided to alter my introduction after I finished the report.	change modify	unchanging permanent
gullible	easily fooled or tricked	My brother is so gullible that he will believe anything I tell him!	trusting naive	skeptical doubtful
emphasize	to call attention to something because it is important	The book had bold print to emphasize the new vocabulary words.	highlight stress	deemphasize ignore
novice	someone who is new to something and does not have experience	Mandy is a novice piano player but, with practice, she will learn quickly.	beginner amateur	professional experienced
clarify	to make something easier to understand	Can you please clarify what our homework assignment is because I am unsure.	explain interpret	confuse baffle
spare	more than what is needed	Do you have a spare pencil that I can borrow?	extra additional	necessary needed
strain	to try your hardest	When he forgot his glasses, he had to strain to see the board.	struggle work	rest relax
remain	to stay in one place or continue	It is raining, so we will remain inside during recess.	stay continue	change stop
exotic	very different or unusual	Tanner has an exotic snake as a pet.	different unusual strange	ordinary familiar usual

