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#### Arctic Circle

The Arctic Circle is the region around the North Pole, where temperatures are very cold.



#### dart "

Dart means to move suddenly and quickly. A rabbit may dart away if a noise frightens or surprises it.

# deserts

Deserts are places that are very dry. Plants that do not need much water live in deserts.



# garters

Garters are elastic bands that are used to hold up stockings or socks.



# harmless

Harmless means not likely to hurt anyone or anything. *The little ant is harmless*.

# markings <sup>1</sup>

Markings are the colors or patterns on an animal's body. *A zebra's markings are black stripes, and a cheetah's markings are black dots.* 

#### marshes

Marshes are areas of low, wet land.

Animals that need to live in water often live in marshes.

# stripes

Stripes are pieces of color that are usually narrow and somewhat long; the color of a stripe is different from the colors on either side.



# usually

Usually means most of the time. Summer days are usually hot, but sometimes they can be cool.

#### astronauts

Astronauts are people who travel in space. *The astronauts went to the moon.* 



#### awful

If something is awful, it is very bad or horrible. *The food was awful, so the boy did not eat it.* 

# Challenger <sup>30</sup>

The Challenger was a United States space shuttle. It blew up after liftoff in 1986, killing all of the people inside.

# dawn

Dawn is the start of the day when the sun rises. The girl got up at dawn because she had to be at school early.

# haunts

When something haunts you, it comes to your mind again and again.

# launch

A launch is when something is sent upward into the air. *The rocket launch would happen at noon*.

#### leak

Leak means to lose liquid or gas through a crack or hole. The water began to leak out of my glass through a crack.



#### liftoff<sup>28</sup>

Liftoff is the moment a space vehicle leaves the ground and rises into the air. A large group of people came to see the liftoff of the space shuttle.



# O-rings<sup>26</sup>

O-rings are the rubber rings used to keep gas from escaping from a rocket.

# shuttle

A shuttle is a vehicle that can fly into space and return to Earth.



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#### arched

If something is arched, it has a curved shape.



# bizarre

If something is bizarre, it is very strange. I had a bizarre dream about a flying horse.

#### charms

Charms are small things people wear on chains. She wore charms around her neck.



# claws

Claws are sharp nails on the feet of some animals.



#### harm

Harm is damage or injury. The rainstorm caused no harm to the flowers.

#### hides

Hides are the skins of animals. Some people use the hides of animals to make jackets.

#### marks

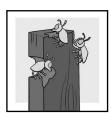
Marks means leaves a spot, stain, or dent on something. The black spot marks the place where he spilled the ink.

# protect

Protect means to keep something safe. When I ride my skateboard, I wear a helmet and wrist guards to protect my head and wrists.

# termites 17

Termites are small insects that eat wood and damage wooden structures.



#### Constitution<sup>®</sup>

The Constitution is the basic set of written laws of the United States. The U.S. Constitution was written in 1787 and is still used when new laws are written.



#### dark

Dark is when there is no light because the sun went down. *The children had to be home every night before dark.* 

# dawn

Dawn is the start of the day or when the sun rises. The girl got up at dawn because she had to be at school early.

# fall

Fall is the season of the year between summer and winter. *Children go back to school in the fall.* 

# fawns

Fawns are deer that are less than one year old.



#### longhouses

Longhouses are long, wooden houses that many families share.



#### Mohawk

The Mohawk are a Native American people from northern New York and Canada.

# spears

Spears are long weapons with pointed ends that are thrown and used to hunt.



# tribes 30

Tribes are groups of people or families who speak the same language and do some things in the same way. *Some tribes have leaders called chiefs*.

# visitor

A visitor is a person who goes and sees another person or place. *The visitor rang our doorbell, and we let her in our house.* 

Tornadoes

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#### drove

Drove means forced to go into something. *The man drove the nail into the wood with his hammer.* 

#### enormous

Enormous means very big.

#### force

Force is the strength or power of something. The wind blew with such force that it knocked down the huge tree.

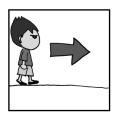
#### forms <sup>1</sup>

When something forms, it starts to exist or take shape. A bud forms on a plant and turns into a flower.



# $\textbf{forward}^{^{16}}$

If you move forward, you move in the direction that is in front of you. Jack moved forward and is now at the front of the line.



# funnel

A funnel is a hollow shape that is wide at the top and narrow at the bottom.

#### windstorm<sup>1</sup>

A windstorm is a storm with a strong wind but little or no rain. *The windstorm blew the roof off the barn.* 



# avoid

Avoid means to stay away from. She tries to avoid stepping in puddles because she does not like wet shoes.

# captain

The captain is the person in charge of the ship.



# destroyed

Destroyed means put an end to or completely damaged. *I threw the book away because the water destroyed it.* 

#### lane

A lane is a set course or pathway used by planes or ships. Several ships crossed the ocean along the same sea lane, where the water currents and winds were known to be calmest.

#### mate

A mate is a person who works on a ship and takes orders from the captain of the ship.



# poisoned

Poisoned means harmed or killed something. Letitia's mom warned her not to eat mushrooms from the yard, because many kinds of wild mushrooms have poisoned people who ate them.

# spoiled

Spoiled means ruined something or made something worse. I spoiled the cookies by baking them so long that they burned.

#### toiled

Toiled means put a lot of effort into something difficult and tiring.

# voyage

A voyage is a long trip or journey, usually by sea. During their voyage across the Pacific Ocean, they spent four weeks on a ship.

# Henry Ford

#### age

An age is a certain period of time. Each age is different in some way from the periods of time before and after it. *The age of space exploration began in the 1950s.* 

#### ax

An ax is a tool with a handle and a sharp blade that is used to cut down trees.



# boring

Boring means uninteresting, dull, or not fun. Jenny thought the teacher's lesson about bears was boring because she already knew a lot about bears.

## chores

Chores are small jobs that a person has to do often. Javier's chores are setting the table for dinner each night and making his bed each morning.

#### force

Force is the strength or power of something. *The wind blew with such force that it knocked down the huge tree.* 

# forged

Forged means made or created. *Marta* forged a path through the field by cutting down the tall grass.

#### mechanical 1

Mechanical means having to do with machines.

# wagons

Wagons are carts that have four wheels and are used to hold and carry things. *People, horses, or other animals can pull wagons.* 



#### boiled

Boiled means cooked in water so hot that the water makes bubbles and steam. Erika boiled some eggs so she could use them in a salad.

#### brim

A brim is an edge that sticks out at the bottom of a hat.



# gold diggers<sup>26</sup>

Gold diggers are people who dig in the earth to try to find gold.

# joined

Joined means took part in something or did something with others. My family joined my grandmother for dinner at a restaurant.



### protect

Protect means to keep safe from danger. People wear coats in the winter to protect themselves from the cold.

# soiled

If something is soiled, it is full of dust or dirt. Dan's clothes got soiled when he played in the mud.

# spoiled

If someone is spoiled, he or she behaves very badly because he or she has been given too many things. *The spoiled boy would not share his toys with his brother.* 

# toiled

Toiled means put a lot of effort into something difficult and tiring.

# certainly

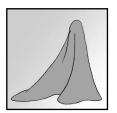
Certainly means that something is for sure. *If you work hard in school, you certainly will learn more.* 

#### clever

Clever means smart or skillful. *The* clever girl could solve the riddles quickly.

# cloth

Cloth is a material that people use to make many things. She bought cloth to make curtains, a bedspread, and some clothes.



#### curious

Curious means wanting to find out about something. Ben took a karate class because he was curious about martial arts.

# figured out

If you figured out something, you thought about it until you understood it. *Maria figured out how to do her math problems*.

# master <sup>1</sup>

A master is a person who is able to do something very well.

# performed

Performed means put on a show for other people to watch. *The students performed the song for their parents*.

# ping-pong 1

Ping-pong is a game also known as table tennis. It is played on a table using small wooden paddles and a hollow ball.

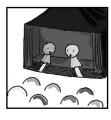


# quirk

A quirk is an odd way someone has of doing something. Juan always hummed while he worked, and this quirk made people mad.

# stage

A stage is the place where people stand when they perform. She stood on the stage while she sang for the school.



# worried

Worried means felt afraid that something bad would happen. Jan worried that she would be in trouble because she was late for school.



#### growl

Growl means to make a low, angry sound. Some dogs growl when they meet a person they do not know.

#### hiss

Hiss means to make a sound like the sound of an S that is held for a long time. Some snakes hiss at their prey when they are attacking.

# howl

Howl means to make a long, loud crying sound. *Wolves howl at the moon*.

# pounces

Pounces means jumps at or attacks. My kitten pounces on the ball of string.



# screech

A screech is a loud, high, and unpleasant sound. Screech owls are given that name because of the high sound they make.

#### spine

A spine is the backbone of an animal. *Your spine helps you stand straight.* 



#### swallows

Swallows means lets something pass from the mouth through the throat and into the stomach. *The baby sucks on the bottle and swallows the milk.* 

# swoops

When something swoops, it quickly moves down through the air. *The hawk swoops down to catch its prey*.



#### towers

Towers are tall, narrow buildings or parts of buildings.



# bushy

If something is bushy, it is thick and spreads out. Her bushy hair stuck out from under her hat.



# germs

Germs are very small living things that can cause sickness. He got a cold after using a telephone that had lots of germs on it.

#### observe

Observe means to watch carefully. We used a telescope to observe the stars.

# perky

If something is perky, it is very happy and full of energy. *The perky child laughed and played all day*.

# pine cones

Pine cones are the prickly, cone-shaped fruits of pine trees.



#### stirs

When something stirs, it moves a little. When a baby starts to wake up, it stirs in its bed.

# sturdy

Sturdy means strong and hard to break. The sturdy chair did not break when the big man sat on it.

#### ground zero

Ground zero is the center of an attack. The shopping mall was ground zero when the city was bombed.

# proud

If you are proud of someone, you are happy or pleased with that person because you think that person is good. Dad was proud of me for getting all the answers right on my test.

# rained

Rained means fell down thick and fast. The leaves rained down from the trees because the wind was so strong.

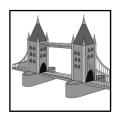


# showered

Showered means sprinkled or sprayed. Wedding guests showered the newlyweds with confetti as they walked down the steps of the church.

#### towers

Towers are tall, narrow buildings or parts of buildings.



# under attack<sup>24</sup>

If you are under attack, someone is trying to hurt you.

#### World Trade Center<sup>2</sup>

The World Trade Center was a group of buildings in New York City with the tallest towers standing over 100 stories high. The World Trade Center, which held many offices and businesses, stood from the early 1970s until 2001, when it was destroyed in an attack.

#### battle

A battle is a fight, usually in a war. *Many people died during the battle.* 

#### celebrate 1

Celebrate means to do something special because it is an important day or something good has happened. We celebrate the holiday with a family party.

## center

The center is a place where many people come together to do things. *The parade marched right through the center of town*.

#### certain

Certain means sure or positive. *She* was certain it was going to rain, so she brought her umbrella.

# chance

If there is a chance of something, it might happen. They practiced hard, so there is a very good chance they will win the game.

# fancy

If something is fancy, it is full of color or things that make it interesting to look at. The dancers wore fancy costumes so people would look at them.

#### fierce

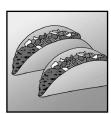
Fierce means wild, violent, or dangerous. *The lion looked fierce when it roared*.

#### Puebla

Puebla is a city in the southern part of Mexico.

#### tacos

Tacos are food made with round, flat bread folded in half or wrapped around some kind of filling, such as meat, beans, cheese, or vegetables.



#### take

When you take a person or place, you get control of it, usually by force. After the soldiers take the town, the townspeople will have to do what the soldiers say.

#### boot

Boot means to make someone or something leave a place. Since the rent has not been paid for three months, the owner will boot the renter out of the apartment.

#### drooled

Drooled means let watery liquid drip from the mouth. *The baby drooled as she chewed on the apple.* 

# grinding

Grinding means crushing into small pieces. Grinding stones break down corn into flour by crushing the kernels between the stones.

# groomed

Groomed means made clean and neat. He groomed his hair with shampoo and a brush.

# joey

A joey is a baby kangaroo.

# peeked

Peeked means took a quick, secret look. *The boy hid under his bed and peeked out.* 



#### shallow

Shallow means not deep. *People can walk or sit in shallow water.* 



# shoo

Shoo means to scare or drive away. The lady ran after the rabbits to shoo them away from her garden.



# stool

A stool is a seat without arms or a back.



# bicycle

A bicycle is a thing with two wheels that you ride by pushing on pedals. *I like to ride my bicycle to and from school.* 

# decided

Decided means chose or made up one's mind. He decided to make chicken for dinner instead of hamburger.

#### distance

Distance is the length or amount of space between two points. The distance between my house and my school is about three miles.



#### excited

Excited means very happy about or really looking forward to something. *She was excited to go to the fair.* 

# faced

Faced means met, dealt with, or took on. I am afraid of snakes, but I faced my fear and touched a snake at the petting zoo.

# publicity

Publicity is attention or notice from the public. Jesse got a lot of publicity after winning the race; many news shows wanted to talk to him, and millions of people knew his name.

#### race

A race is a contest of speed. We will have a race to see who is the fastest runner.

# rough

If something is rough, it is bumpy or does not feel smooth. *The tree has rough bark*.

# route

A route is a way or path to get somewhere. *The bus driver takes the same route to school every morning.* 

# since

Since means from then until now. *I* have been on time for school every morning since February 1—the last time *I* was late was January 31.

# success

A success is something that went well. The audience clapped because the concert was a success.

#### blocks

Blocks are the areas of land between streets. A block is measured from one street corner to the next. *My house* is only two blocks away from my best friend's house.

#### cartoon

A cartoon is a funny drawing.



#### contest

A contest is a game or competition in which people try to win or do better than each other. The boy who spelled all the words correctly won the spelling contest.

# cool

Cool means interesting or very good. Quentin learned a cool magic trick, and everybody wanted him to show it to them.

# doodle

Doodle means to make silly drawings without thinking much about what you are doing. My father used to doodle on a notepad while he talked on the phone.

#### doodles

Doodles are silly pictures drawn quickly without much thought.



#### entered

Entered means signed up for something or decided to take part in something. Hector wanted to show that he was a good speller, so he entered the spelling bee.

# newspaper

A newspaper is a collection of news reports, photos, and other information about what is happening. Usually, a newspaper is created every day or every week.

# rhymed<sup>24</sup>

Rhymed means picked words that have the same ending sound. *The songwriter* rhymed the words in his song.

# unique

Unique means one of a kind. Because no one else is exactly like you, you are unique.

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# ages

Ages means a very long time.

Dinosaurs roamed the earth ages ago.

#### causes

Causes means makes something happen. *Thunder causes some children to be afraid.* 

#### form

When things form, they start to exist or take shape. *Buds form on some plants and turn into flowers*.



# gentle

Gentle means mild or not likely to cause harm. *Her dog is gentle; it likes to curl up next to people, and it never bites.* 

# imagined <sup>15</sup>

Imagined means formed a picture or idea in your mind. He imagined what it would be like to be a professional basketball star.



#### legends

Legends are old stories that may or may not be true.

#### nature

Nature is the world and everything in it that people did not make. *Plants, animals, and lakes are all part of nature.* 

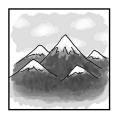
# proved<sup>20</sup>

Proved means showed to be true.

The boy proved that he was the fastest runner when he won the race.

# ranges

Ranges are groups of mountains.



#### tales

Tales are stories that are not real. "Jack and the Beanstalk" and "Cinderella" are tales many children love.

#### coach

A coach is someone who gives special lessons to a team or a person.

The basketball coach taught the players how to shoot the ball.



#### cotton

Cotton is the soft, white fiber that covers the seeds of a cotton plant.



#### crowned

When you are crowned, you are named the winner in front of many people. The winning horse was crowned champion after the race.

# directions

When people give directions, they tell others what to do, where to go, or how to do something. The policeman stood in the middle of the street and gave directions to the drivers.

# events

Events are activities or contests, like races, that are usually held during a sports competition. *His favorite events in track meets are the long jump and the high jump*.

# history

History is the facts about people and events in the past. It is fun to read about the history of a famous person.

# Olympics<sup>2</sup>

The Olympics are athletic contests held every four years in which people from different countries compete.

# plowed

Plowed means turned up the soil to get it ready for planting. *The farmer* plowed his fields and planted corn.



# willpower

When you have willpower, you make yourself do something you decided to do, even if it's hard. *It takes willpower not to eat candy between meals*.

# ages

Ages is a very long time. *Dinosaurs* roamed the earth ages ago.

# ancient

Ancient means from a very long time ago. He found an ancient coin; it was over 2,000 years old.

#### beheld <sup>1</sup>

If you beheld something, you saw or observed it.

# canyon

A canyon is a deep valley with walls on both sides that was formed by running water.



The Grand Canyon was formed by running water that we now call the Colorado River.

# cliffs

Cliffs are high, steep walls of rock and earth.

# edge

An edge is the outside end of something. The boy sat on the edge of the dock and looked at the lake.

# ledges

Ledges are flat spaces like shelves on the sides of cliffs or rock walls.

# rangers

Rangers are people who work in forests or parks. *The rangers took the people around the park.* 



# sagebrush

Sagebrush is a shrub with silver-green leaves that grows in the dry parts of western North America.



#### tourists

Tourists are people who travel for fun. The tourists took a bus to see the statue of George Washington.

# village

A village is a small town or city.

# wedged

When something is wedged, it is crowded or squeezed into a small space. *Julio's truck was wedged into a tiny parking spot*.

#### dictionaries

Dictionaries are books that tell you what words mean, how to say them, and how to spell them.

When we don't know what words mean, we use dictionaries.

# dropped

When something is dropped, it is not used anymore. Because he could not play after he broke his leg, Luis was dropped from the baseball team.

# gnat

A gnat is a very small biting insect that flies.



# gnome

A gnome is a small person written about in folk tales who lives inside the earth.



#### invented

When something is invented, it is made for the first time. *The wheel was invented a long time ago*.

# printing press

A printing press is a machine that prints books and newspapers.



# wrap

When you wrap something, you put a cover all the way around it. When you wrap a birthday present, you use paper, tape, and ribbon.

# apart

To be apart means to be away from each other. Richard and Peter have to sit apart in school because they always talk.

# argued

Argued means gave reasons why you believe something is or is not true. *The lawyer argued the case in court.* 

#### Constitution <sup>1</sup>

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form

Form means to make or shape something. *The children helped form the plan for the school's celebration*.

# lawyers

Lawyers are people who are trained to give other people advice about the law or to help people in court. When my parents opened a bakery, they hired lawyers to help make sure they were following the city's laws about food safety.

#### made his mark

Made his mark or made her mark means a person has done something important that people notice or remember. *She made her mark when she became prime minister*.

# $\mathbf{served}^{^{\mathsf{16}}}$

When something served a person, it was useful to that person. When our basketball team won, we knew that practicing shooting had served us well.

# turning point

A turning point is the moment in time when something changes in an important way. Jonathan reached a turning point in his illness when he started taking the new medicine; from that point on, he continued to get better instead of worse.

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#### bamboo

Bamboo is tall, hard grass.



# decades

Decades are periods of 10 years. Two decades is 20 years, and three decades is 30 years.

#### few

Few means a small number of something. *Mom said I could eat a few jelly beans, so I had four.* 

#### foot

A foot is a unit of measurement equal to 12 inches. *Many rulers are a foot long*.



#### furniture<sup>2</sup>

Furniture is what people use in their living spaces to sit on or to place things on. I bought furniture for my new house: a bed, a couch, and a bookcase.

# shelters

Shelters are places or things that offer protection from weather or danger. Houses and apartments are common types of modern shelters.

#### shoots

Shoots are sprouts or new growths of a plant.



# $\mathbf{woody}^{^{24}}$

Woody means like wood, or made of wood, which is a hard plant fiber.

#### born

If something is born, it is started or created. *The reading club was born the first night we talked about a book we had all read.* 

#### cause

Cause means to make something happen. *Germs can cause you to get sick.* 

#### curve

When things curve, they move in the shape of a circle. Race cars have to curve when they go around a racetrack.

# floods

Floods are large amounts of water that flow over places that are usually dry. The hurricane caused floods that forced people to move out of their wet and damaged homes.

# hurl

Hurl means to throw something with great force. *Monkeys hurl coconuts to the ground so they will break.* 



#### limbs

Limbs are large parts of a tree that grow from the trunk or from a main branch. The squirrel ran up the trunk of a tree and into the high limbs to get away from the barking dog.

#### occurs

When something occurs, it takes place or it happens. *Learning occurs in school*.

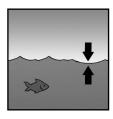
# storm surges

Storm surges are large amounts of water pushed onto land by powerful winds in a storm.



#### surface

A surface is the outside or top part of something. *A* boat sails on the surface of the water, and a fish swims below the surface.



#### whirl 1

Whirl means to spin around.

#### active

If something is active, it is working or doing something. *Smoke sometimes comes out of active volcanoes*.

# appeared

Appeared means showed up or became visible. When it got dark, the moon and stars appeared in the sky.

#### ash

Ash is gray powder left over after something has been burned. *The logs in the fireplace turned to ash after they were burned.* 

# awful

If something is awful, it is very bad or horrible. *The food was awful, so the boy did not eat it.* 

# $formed^{26}$

If things formed, they started to exist or take shape. Buds formed on some plants and turned into flowers.



# volcano

A volcano is an opening in the earth through which hot liquid rock is forced out. Hot liquid came out of the volcano when it erupted.



# wrong

Wrong means not correct or not right. I was wrong when I said the meeting is at 3:00; it is actually at 4:00.

