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Dogs

hlind

If you are blind, it means you cannot see.

cattle

Cattle are cows, calves, and bulls.



companions

Companions are people or friends you spend a lot of time with. *Mike and his dog are companions*.

countries

Countries are areas of land that have their own laws for the people living there. *The United States, France, and Germany are countries.*



guard

Guard means to watch something closely in order to keep it safe.

hunt¹³

When people or animals hunt, they find and kill animals for food.

sleds

Sleds are things that slide on ice and snow.



warn

Warn means to tell about something bad that might happen. *The weather person will warn us if a bad storm is coming.*

Arctic²¹

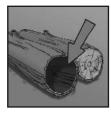
The Arctic is the area around the North Pole.

clear

Clear means see-through. Windows are usually made of clear glass.

hollow

If something is hollow, it is empty on the inside.



padded

Padded means covered with something soft. *She sat on the padded chair because it was soft.*

pounds

Pounds are used to show how heavy something is. *Most horses weigh over a thousand pounds*.

slipping

Slipping means falling.



snow

Snow is the little white flakes that fall from the sky when it is cold.



agree

When people agree, they think the same thing is true. *Many kids agree that clowns are funny*.

believe in 1

When you believe in a person, you think that person will do well at something.

hospital

A hospital is a place sick people go for help.



learn

Learn means to find out how to do new things. *Today in math class we are going to learn how to add.*

medical doctor

A medical doctor is a person who has graduated from a special school that teaches how to care for sick people or help people stay well.



opened

Opened means started or set up. *After* she opened her toy store, she started a candy store in the same shopping center.

study

When you study, you try to learn something. *Some people study by reading in the library.*



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U.S. means United States, the name of a country in North America.



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amphibians

Amphibians are animals that live in the water when they are young and breathe air when they are



older. Frogs are amphibians; they start their lives as tadpoles in the water.

grown

If something is grown, it has reached full size. *The boy is 11 years old, and the grown man is 25.*

hatch

Hatch means to be born from an egg.



humans are people.

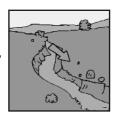


kinds

Kinds are types. My favorite kinds of ice cream are chocolate and vanilla.

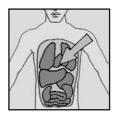
land

Land is ground that is not under water. *Our house is on land that is next to a river*.



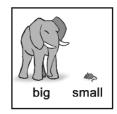
organs

Organs are parts of our bodies that keep us alive. *The heart, the liver, and the kidneys are organs.*



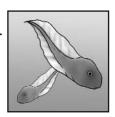
sizes

Sizes tell how big or little things are. Animals come in many sizes: elephants are big, and mice are small.



tadpoles

Tadpoles are baby frogs or toads. Tadpoles look like fish, but they grow up to be frogs.



1900s¹²

The 1900s was a period of time from the start of the year 1900 to the last day of 1999. The first computer was invented in the 1900s.

alone

Alone means not with anyone else. *I didn't want to go outside alone, so I asked my sister to come with me.*

brave

If you are brave, you are willing to do hard or scary things. *The brave firefighter went into the burning building and saved three people.*

disappeared

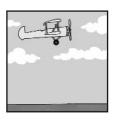
If something disappeared, it was suddenly gone. *She was sad when her dog disappeared; she thinks it ran away.*

early

Early means near the beginning. *Marta* and *I* were both born in early June: she was born on June 2, and *I* was born on June 4.

flight

A flight is a trip through the air made by a bird or airplane. The boy took his first flight on a large airplane.



flight school

A flight school is where a person goes to learn to fly an airplane.

still 13

Still means not moving. *The students sat so still they looked like statues*.

1800s²

The 1800s was a period of time from the start of the year 1800 to the last day of 1899. There were no TVs in the 1800s.

awards

Awards are things given for great work.



college

College is a school after high school where some people go to learn more.



cotton stalks

Cotton stalks are the tall, thin parts of cotton plants.



earned

Earned means worked to get something. *She earned money by babysitting.*

instant

Instant means quick. You can make instant oatmeal very fast.

mid-²¹

Mid- means middle. The party will be in mid-July; it will be on July 15.

peanuts

Peanuts are the lightbrown seeds of a plant that people can eat.



studied

Studied means tried to learn something. *Lee* studied spiders by reading about them in the library.



astronaut

An astronaut is a person who travels in space.



space

Space is the place where the stars and the planets are.



float

When things float, they stay on top of the water or up in the air. *Balloons float* in the air, and boats float on the water.

spaces

Spaces are places or areas. Cupboards are spaces for plates and cups.

gravity

Gravity is the force that pulls things to the ground. *Gravity makes apples fall from trees*.

strapped 17

Strapped means tied down or held in place. *A person* is strapped in the car when wearing a seatbelt.



sailor

A sailor is a worker on a ship.



tests 14

Tests are experiments that are done to find out more about something. We did tests to find out what would make our plants grow faster: we gave one plant more water and put the other plant in the sun.

skills¹

Skills are things a person can do well. *Playing the piano and juggling are skills*.

coins

Coins are round pieces of metal, like pennies and dimes.



equal

When we say people are equal, we mean they have the right to do the same things.

fought

Fought means worked for something you wanted or believed in. We fought for the new playground by raising money and writing letters to the mayor.

own

When you own something, it is yours. *After Meg pays for the toy, she will own it.*

Quaker

A Quaker is a person who belongs to the Quaker religion.

right

A right is something that is fair for you to have or do. *She had the right to play with the toy she brought to the playground.*

treated

Treated means acted or behaved toward someone in a certain way. My grandma treated us well; she always gave us hugs and baked cookies for us.

vote

When you vote, you show your choice. *She will vote for a new president.*



Do They Die?

branches

Branches are the long parts of trees that come out from the trunks like arms.



roots

Roots are the parts of trees and plants that grow underground.



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freezes 17

When something freezes, it gets very cold or turns to ice. A lake turns to ice when it freezes.

trunk

The trunk is the thick main stem of a tree.



ground

Ground is soil and dirt that covers the land. Grass covers the ground around my house.

winter

Winter is the time of year between fall and spring. Last winter was even colder than usual.



leaves

Leaves are parts of plants or trees. They grow from the stems or branches and are often green and flat.



billions

Billions are thousands of millions. *There are billions of pieces of sand in the desert.*

energy

Energy is the power to work. Food gives energy to our bodies, and burning coals give energy to make electricity.

gas

Gas is like air and can be used to make things burn or make things float. *Helium* is a gas we put in balloons to make them float in the air.

million

A million is a thousand thousands. *One million is written with a one followed by six zeros:* 1,000,000.

planets

Planets are the round objects in outer space that go around the sun.



star

A star is a ball of burning gas in space. It gives off heat and light.

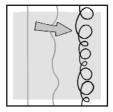


universe

The universe is everything that exists. *The universe includes all the stars, planets, and moons.*

curly

If something is curly, it bends into a round or twisted shape.



$oval^{^{17}}$

Oval means shaped like a circle but not perfectly round. *An egg has an oval shape*.



follicles 1

Follicles are tiny holes in the skin from which hairs grow.



protects

Protects means keeps safe from danger.

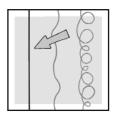
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Length is how long something is. You can use a ruler to measure the length of your thumb.



straight

If something is straight, it does not bend or curve. The lines in a notebook are straight.



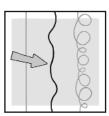
month

A month is 28 to 31 days. *A calendar shows what month it is.*



wavv

If something is wavy, it has many small bends.



natural

Natural is the way nature first made something. *Jessie doesn't need to curl her hair, because she has natural curls.*

Leap Year

around

If you go around something, you go on all sides of it. *I saw all four sides of the building when I rode around it on my bike.*

earth

The earth is the planet we live on.



extra

Extra is more than needed. *The waitress put the extra food in a bag.*

February

February is the second month of the year.



hours

Hours are measurements of time. *There are 24 hours in a day.*

leap year

A leap year is a year that has 366 days. A leap year happens every four years when February has an extra day.

minutes

Minutes are short measurements of time. *Sixty minutes equal one hour.*

seconds

Seconds are very short measurements of time. *Sixty seconds equal one minute*.

burner

A burner is a part of a machine that makes heat. A stove has a burner that heats our food.

cools

When something cools, it becomes a little colder or a little less warm. *The soup is hot, so I will wait until it cools before I eat it.*

floats 12

When something floats, it stays on top of the water or up in the air. A balloon floats in the air, and a boat floats on water.

heats

Heats means makes warmer. I like hot soup, so Mom heats it on the stove.

heights

Heights are high places.

land

Land means to come back to the ground. *Planes land at the airport.*

lighter

If something is lighter, it weighs less. *A mouse is lighter than an elephant.*



rise

When things rise, they go up. *The elevator will rise to the second floor.*

Night Flyers

born alive

When an animal is born alive, it is not in an egg when it comes out of its mother.

bounce

Bounce means to come back after hitting something.



hit²²

Hit means to bump into something. *The* ball hit the wall.

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Mammals are warmblooded animals that have fur or hair and do not lay eggs.



stretch

When things stretch, they spread out.

travel

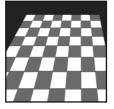
Travel means to move from one place to another. *Kate likes to travel on trains*.

weighs

What something weighs is how heavy it is. *The scale says that the girl weighs 60 pounds*.

checkered

If something is checkered, it has a pattern of squares.



pit

A pit is a place on the side of a racetrack to stop and fix cars.



curves

Curves are bends. *Drivers* go slowly on roads that have lots of curves.



skill 14

A skill is a thing a person can do well. *Playing the piano is a skill.*

exciting

Exciting means very fun or interesting. *Riding on a roller coaster is exciting.*

sport

A sport is a game or contest people can watch. *Baseball is a sport*.

finish line

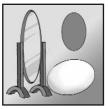
A finish line is the line that shows where a race ends. *The first horse that crosses the finish line wins the race.*

tests

Tests means tries something out to see how good it is. *Jake tests the chocolate* sauce before putting it on his ice cream.

oval

Oval means shaped like a circle but not perfectly round. *An egg has an oval shape*.



track

A track is a road used to race on.



Dolphins

beak

A beak is a bird's hard, pointed mouth.



schools

Schools are groups of fish or other animals.



blowhole 23

A blowhole is a small hole on top of the head of a whale or dolphin that helps it breathe.



scientists

Scientists are people who study things in a careful way. *Some scientists use microscopes in their work.*



breathe

When you breathe, you take in and let out air.

whistle

A whistle is a high sound made by blowing air.

calf

A calf is a baby dolphin.



mammals

Mammals are warmblooded animals that have fur or hair and do not lay eggs.



Gecko

ceiling

The ceiling is the top part of a room.



$drop^{14}$

Drop means to shed or let go. *If I drop the cake, it will fall on the floor.*



insects

Insects are small animals with six legs that often have wings. *Flies and beetles are insects*.



lizard

A lizard is a reptile with scaly skin and a long tail.



noise

A noise is a sound or something you can hear. "Moo" is a noise that a cow makes.

still 16

Still means even so. *Even though they smell, Jack still likes skunks.*

strange

If something is strange, it is different from what you are used to seeing. *The boy was afraid because he saw a strange insect in his bedroom.*

hones ¹

Bones are the hard parts inside bodies.



puck

A puck is a heavy, black disc that gets hit around in hockey.



boots

Boots are kinds of shoes people wear in the winter to keep their feet warm and dry.



smooth

Smooth means flat, without bumps or rough spots. *The slide at the park was smooth.*

glide

When things glide, they move smoothly and easily. *Roller skates glide*.

sport

A sport is a game or contest people can watch. *Baseball is a sport*.

ice-skate²⁰

Ice-skate means to move over smooth ice wearing special shoes with blades on them.



stick

A stick is a long, thin piece of wood.



muscles

Muscles are parts of the body that help you move. Weight-lifters have big muscles.



Pioneers

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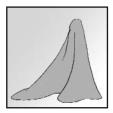
cleared

Cleared means got rid of. *Mike cleared the woods* by chopping down trees.



cloth

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



crops

Crops are the plants that farmers grow.



explorers

Explorers are people who travel to and learn about new places. *Some explorers looked for gold.*

pioneers

Pioneers are the first people to do something. *Pioneers traveled west in covered wagons*.



traders

Traders are people who give something to another person who gives them something in return.

wagons

Wagons are carts that have four wheels and are used to carry things.



wave

A wave is a lot of something at once. The first wave of shoppers came to the sale early.

Wild West 12

The Wild West was the last part of the United States that the pioneers moved into.

Gliding Over the Snow

cross-country skiing

Cross-country skiing is the sport of using skis to move over flat snow.



glide

When things glide, they move smoothly and easily. *Roller skates glide*.

hiking

Hiking means walking, often through the woods or on a mountain.



metal

Metal is a material like gold, silver, copper, or iron.

plastic

Plastic is something that can be molded into many things. *Toys, cups, and pencil boxes can be made of plastic.*

skiers

Skiers are people who move over the snow on skis. Skis are long pieces of wood or plastic that go under people's feet.



straps

Straps are strips of plastic or leather used to hold things in place. *The straps on her backpack hold it to her back.*



strips

Strips are long, flat pieces of something. *George used strips of wood to build a boat.*

thrilling

Thrilling means very fun or exciting. *Riding a roller coaster can be thrilling.*



crack

A crack is a split or break. *Julie saw a crack in the ice*.



lava

Lava is hot, melted rock that shoots from a volcano.



eruption

An eruption is an explosion in which fire and smoke shoot out of something. *A volcano eruption shoots out lava*.



liquid

Liquid is something that flows easily. *Juice is a liquid*.



forms

Forms means makes something. *Billy* forms a sand castle with sand and water.



A mountain is a very high hill. *The top of a mountain can be above the clouds*.



gas

Gas is like air and can be used to make things burn or make things float. *Helium* is a gas we put in balloons to make them float in the air.

powerful¹

Powerful means very strong or having a lot of force. *A powerful wind blew the roof off their house*.

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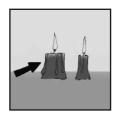
hammers

Hammers are things used to hit or pound.



thick

If something is thick, its sides are far apart. *A dictionary is a thick book.*



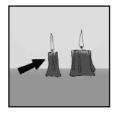
keys

Keys are the parts of instruments you press down to make music.



thin 24

If something is thin, its sides are close together. String is thin, and rope is thick.



metal²³

Metal is a material like gold, silver, copper, or iron.

$\mathbf{wood}^{^{22}}$

Wood is the hard parts of trees and other plants. People use wood to make things. *Jim used wood to build the table*.



music

Music is sounds put together for singing, listening, or playing on an instrument. *The teacher played music on the piano.*

strings

Strings are thin metal wires. *Guitars and violins have strings*.





avoid

Avoid means to stay away from. *She tries to avoid stepping in the puddle.*

form

Form means to make something. *Billy likes to form a sand castle with sand and water.*

gather ¹

Gather means to get together in one place.

greet

Greet means to say hello. *Many people* shake hands when they greet each other.

lone

Lone means alone. *The lone tree was the only plant for miles*.

mate

A mate is one of two animals that live together. The mother duck is the father duck's mate; together, they have four baby ducks.

packs

Packs are groups of wild animals, like wolves.

territory 18

Territory is a certain area that belongs to someone or something. *The bird* protected her nest because it was her territory.

beak

A beak is a hard, pointed mouth.



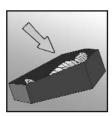
bones

Bones are the hard parts inside bodies.



mummy

A mummy is a dead body that has been kept from rotting.



thought

If you thought about something, you had an idea or a feeling or a belief about it. Rita thought bugs were fun to play with, but Leah thought they were scary.

turned

Turned means changed. The leaves were green in the summer, and they turned red in the fall.

wide

If something is wide, it is long from side to side. *A triangle is wide at the bottom.*

