Vocabulary List #1-10

1. [adversary](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/adversary)

someone who offers opposition

*The students are united by shared suffering, and by a common****adversary****.*[*New York Times (Nov 10, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1964381)

1. [aplomb](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/aplomb)

great coolness and composure under strain

*I wish I had handled it with****aplomb****.*[*New York Times (May 18, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1610921)

1. [apprehensive](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/apprehensive)

in fear or dread of possible evil or harm

*Virga still feels****apprehensive****when visiting an unfamiliar zoo.*[*New York Times (Jul 3, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1706180)

1. [aptitude](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/aptitude)

inherent ability

*I was recently asked in an interview, what is more valued by companies –****aptitude****or attitude?*[*Forbes (Sep 12, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1839697)

1. [attentive](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/attentive)

taking heed

*You make sure to be extra****attentive****to your friend.*[*Time (Oct 2, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1880427)

1. [banish](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/banish)

send away from a place of residence, as for punishment

*Napoleon loses so big that he is****banished****to an island.*[*New York Times (Dec 5, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2014332)

1. [barricade](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/barricade)

block off with barriers

*The Secret Service ordered nearby streets and parking lots****barricaded****for security.*[*Washington Times (Dec 1, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2004906)

1. [bluff](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/bluff)

deceive someone about your strength or intentions

*Sporting a pith helmet, Nixon observed that “whoever is talking the loudest is pretty sure to be****bluffing****.”*[*New York Times (Sep 19, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1851447)

1. [brackish](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/brackish)

slightly salty

***Brackish****water can be used, but freshwater is easier and less costly.*[*New York Times (May 14, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1603237)

1. [brandish](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/brandish)

move or swing back and forth

*Hart****brandished****a “Free Hugs” sign as he stood alone in front of a police barricade.*[*MSNBC (Nov 30, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2002292)

Vocab #11-20

1. [circumference](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/circumference)

the size of something as given by the distance around it

*That's almost 10 times the****circumference****of the Earth, which is a surprisingly small 24,859.82 miles.*[*BBC (Dec 1, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2004154)

1. [commotion](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/commotion)

confused movement

*Moments later came****commotion****, followed by shouts of “Stop pushing me!”*[*MSNBC (Sep 26, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1867895)

1. [concoction](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/concoction)

any foodstuff made by combining different ingredients

*There are some food combos that blend beautifully with each other to create truly tasty****concoctions****.*[*US News (Sep 4, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1821144)

1. [conspicuous](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/conspicuous)

obvious to the eye or mind

*Today, the link is more****conspicuous****: highlighted in blue, it appears directly beneath the site’s login form.*[*New York Times (Oct 23, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1926305)

1. [contortion](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/contortion)

a tortuous and twisted shape or position

*There was tumbling, human pyramids and bodies stretched into extraordinary****contortions****.*[*BBC (Aug 25, 2013)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1398977)

1. [counter](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/counter)

speak in response

*The seller can then accept,****counter****or reject the offer.*

1. [cunning](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/cunning)

shrewdness as demonstrated by being skilled in deception

*Moreover, it was no secret that Cleopatra had ruthless****cunning****and superior intelligence.*

1. [debris](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/debris)

the remains of something that has been destroyed

*The blast rattled their homes and sent****debris****flying onto nearby properties, they said.*[*Washington Times (Dec 4, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2012143)

1. [defiance](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/defiance)

a hostile challenge

*Schools still could expel students for violating school rules or laws and could suspend students for willful****defiance****of authorities in grades 4 through 12.*[*Washington Times (Sep 27, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1869897)

1. [deft](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/deft)

skillful in physical movements; especially of the hands

*To make it work requires a****deft****hand.*[*Forbes (Sep 25, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1864996)

Vocab #21-30

1. [destination](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/destination)

the place designated as the end, as of a race or journey

*Airports get stacked up with planes that can’t take off for their****destinations****.*[*Forbes (Dec 9, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2021446)

1. [diminish](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/diminish)

decrease in size, extent, or range

*By Friday morning, most of the heavy rain is expected to****diminish****.*[*Los Angeles Times (Dec 10, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2023780)

1. [disdain](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/disdain)

lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike

*In the visage of Grumpy Cat, it seems, her fans found the perfect holy expression of indifferent****disdain****for all things.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2000132)

1. [dismal](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/dismal)

causing dejection

*It’s been a pretty****dismal****month, as far as world events go, but the news wasn’t all bad thanks to some very entertaining on-air mishaps.*

1. [dispel](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/dispel)

force to go away

*For most of us,****dispelling****the darkness is as simple as turning on a light.*[*Time (Oct 23, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1926767)

1. [eavesdrop](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/eavesdrop)

listen without the speaker's knowledge

*They****eavesdrop****on the noises that other birds make while hiding food in order to steal the stash later, new research shows.*[*Science Magazine (Nov 21, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1984507)

1. [egregious](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/egregious)

conspicuously and outrageously bad or reprehensible

*Prosecutors questioned him about killings and other****egregious****human rights abuses perpetrated by his regime.*[*Los Angeles Times (Oct 4, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1885344)

1. [ember](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ember)

a hot, smoldering fragment of wood left from a fire

*“Every hot spot is an****ember****that, if not contained, can become a new fire,” Obama said.*[*Los Angeles Times (Dec 2, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2007370)

1. [emerge](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/emerge)

come out into view, as from concealment

*They say that program has helped them****emerge****from the shadows, making possible a work permit, a Social Security number and enhanced self-respect.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2002933)

1. [engross](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/engross)

consume all of one's attention or time

*I don’t know how long I was reading; I was so****engrossed****in the paper that I did not hear any footsteps.*[*Long Walk to Freedom*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1688652)

Vocab #31-40

31. [exasperation](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/exasperation)

a feeling of annoyance

*Like many a teenager on his school holidays, Parys is in bed, his mother explains with****exasperation****.*[*The Guardian (Aug 2, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1763306)

32. [exhilarate](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/exhilarate)

fill with sublime emotion

*“To see Yosemite Falls coming to life this morning is truly****exhilarating****,” Park Superintendent Don Neubacher said in a statement.*

33. [falter](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/falter)

move hesitatingly, as if about to give way

*“The rocket has****faltered****, but it won’t crash,” he said.*[*New York Times (Nov 20, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1982109)

34. [foresight](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/foresight)

seeing ahead; knowing in advance; foreseeing

*But nobody had the wherewithal or****foresight****to think that day would actually happen.*[*MSNBC (Jul 3, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1705800)

35. [fragrance](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/fragrance)

a distinctive odor that is pleasant

*After 30 minutes in the oven, what hits you first is the enticing, warm****fragrance****that fills your kitchen.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1923287)

36. [furtive](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/furtive)

secret and sly

*What muffled whispers do they share, what****furtive****games are they playing?*

37. [grueling](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/grueling)

characterized by effort to the point of exhaustion

*As of Dec. 19, 22 students will have made it through a****grueling****curriculum that requires about 700 hours of computer code.*[*Washington Times (Dec 10, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2025093)

38. [gusto](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/gusto)

vigorous and enthusiastic enjoyment

*They each approach their tasks with****gusto****that can only be admired, even if the results can’t.*[*Washington Times (Aug 21, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1795184)

39. [habitation](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/habitation)

the act of dwelling in or living permanently in a place

*Although the area is not fit for human****habitation****, many poor people who work in the coal mines live here.*[*BBC (Aug 13, 2013)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1390786)

40. [hasten](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/hasten)

speed up the progress of; facilitate

*Rather than wait for that day, he set out to****hasten****its arrival.*

Vocab #41-50

41. [headway](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/headway)

forward movement

*At times, you feel like you’re struggling to run forward, going through the motions but making no****headway****, frozen in place.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1855834)

42. [ignite](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ignite)

cause to start burning

*Firefighters say the blaze started when stain-soaked rags****ignited****on the front porch.*[*Washington Times (Dec 10, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2023546)

43. [illuminate](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/illuminate)

make free from confusion or ambiguity

*The problem is that for****illuminating****answers, you need to ask the right questions.*[*New York Times (Dec 6, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2015847)

44. [impending](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/impending)

close in time; about to occur

*First, he gives the enemy 12 days of warning about****impending****air attacks.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1897864)

45. [imperious](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/imperious)

having or showing arrogant superiority

*It was a little scary how quickly he flipped from friendly to****imperious****.*[*New York Times (Sep 4, 2013)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1406437)

46. [jabber](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/jabber)

talk in a noisy, excited, or declamatory manner

*A parrot****jabbered****atop its cage and a monkey squealed and battered at its bronze ring, until its owner brought bananas.*[*Bartlett, Paul Alexander*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/918002)

47. [jargon](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/jargon)

technical terminology characteristic of a particular subject

*Steer clear of****jargon****, me-too claims, and statements without substance.*[*Forbes (Dec 5, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2013548)

48. [jostle](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/jostle)

make one's way by pushing or shoving

*In Jerusalem, great religions have crowded and****jostled****their way down through millenniums.*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 21, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1986345)

49. [jut](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/jut)

extend out or project in space

*From its long beak****juts****a fearsome tooth.*[*New York Times (Nov 10, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1964414)

50. [kindle](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/kindle)

call forth, as an emotion, feeling, or response

*Recently in class I saw the fire of an idea flicker in a first-year student’s eyes—and so to****kindle****it I cold-called him.*[*Forbes (Sep 16, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1843412)

Vocab #51-60

51. [knoll](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/knoll)

a small natural hill

*The home, set on a quarter-acre****knoll****, has views of the city, the Hollywood Reservoir and the Hollywood sign.*[*Los Angeles Times (Aug 9, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1774569)

52. [luminous](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/luminous)

softly bright or radiant

*It was briefly one of the most****luminous****stars in the galaxy.*[*New York Times (Sep 3, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1819011)

53. [malleable](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/malleable)

easily influenced

*“Memory is so****malleable****or volatile that each time we see something, the memory is actually influenced and re-created.”*[*Washington Times (Oct 18, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1915528)

54. [materialize](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/materialize)

come into being; become reality

*By the time people reach their 70s, they’re beginning to look back at the plans they made and dreams they had that never****materialized****.*

55. [meander](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/meander)

move or cause to move in a winding or curving course

*Instead of straight paths and noisy throngs, the new park will have****meandering****walkways and quiet places for picnicking nestled in gently sloping "lawn valleys."*[*Chicago Tribune (Jul 26, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1749956)

56. [meticulous](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/meticulous)

marked by extreme care in treatment of details

*It's a six-page scene and very****meticulous****, step by step.*

57. [misgiving](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/misgiving)

uneasiness about the fitness of an action

*Quite a few said they had come despite the****misgivings****of parents who wanted them to focus on studying.*[*New York Times (Sep 26, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1866827)

58. [momentum](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/momentum)

an impelling force or strength

*Mitchell believed that a song’s****momentum****should always push upward, ascending like the slope of a mountain into the unknown.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2016600)

59. [monotonous](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/monotonous)

sounded or spoken in a tone unvarying in pitch

*Unfortunately, their****monotonous****verbiage reminds me of Charlie Brown’s teacher in the “Peanuts” TV shows.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1916805)

60. [multitude](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/multitude)

a large indefinite number

*They surround you in their****multitudes****- hundreds, maybe thousands of them, swooping and stinging and injecting venom into your flesh.*

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Vocab #61-70

1. [muster](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/muster)

summon up, call forth, or bring together

*Fans chanted and hollered and enriched the arena with as much life as they could possibly****muster****.*[*New York Times (Dec 10, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2022906)

1. [narrate](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/narrate)

give a detailed account of

*Standing amid bags of garbage, he starts sorting, tearing open plastic bags and****narrating****his finds*

1. [obscure](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/obscure)

not clearly understood or expressed

*The book contains little plot, an abundance of****obscure****poetry and the untimely death of three protagonists.*[*Los Angeles Times (Dec 5, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2013650)

1. [ominous](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/ominous)

threatening or foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

*“Evil forces around the world want to harm Americans every day,” an****ominous****voiceover states.*

1. [outlandish](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/outlandish)

noticeably or extremely unconventional or unusual

*Not everything in the show is****outlandish****; some events are all too realistic.*

1. [persistent](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/persistent)

stubbornly unyielding

*It says, “together, if we face obstacles and counter the negative with a****persistent****positive, we might just change the world.”*[*Seattle Times (Dec 1, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2003877)

1. [pertinent](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/pertinent)

having precise or logical relevance to the matter at hand

*You write about things that feel****pertinent****and urgent to you, and that varies depending on what stage of life you are going through.*[*MSNBC (Jul 11, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1722312)

1. [plenteous](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/plenteous)

affording an abundant supply

*"The harvest truly is****plenteous****, but the labourers are few."*[*Wilson, J. M. (James Maurice)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/23441)

1. [potential](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/potential)

existing in possibility

*What****potential****global threat should policymakers pay more attention to?*[*US News (Dec 11, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2026075)

1. [precipice](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/precipice)

a very steep cliff

*"Every minute of every day, we were on the****precipice****of failure, which is an exciting place to be," Marsh says.*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 25, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1992651)

Vocab #71-80

1. [pristine](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/pristine)

completely free from dirt or contamination

*Back at the jail, Snow White is getting under Anna's skin a bit -- shaking her once****pristine****view of the princess.*[*Los Angeles Times (Dec 8, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2019176)

1. [quell](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/quell)

overcome or allay

*The White House has tried to****quell****anxieties about the danger of Ebola spreading in the United States.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1933774)

1. [recluse](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/recluse)

one who lives in solitude

*Long before his days as the world’s most famous****recluse****, Howard Hughes flew planes fast and far.*

1. [recuperate](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/recuperate)

restore to good health or strength

*Sleep is the time when your body****recuperates****and rebuilds from the day’s stress.*

1. [replenish](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/replenish)

fill something that had previously been emptied

*They bring in dredged sand to****replenish****the beach.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2016565)

1. [repugnant](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/repugnant)

offensive to the mind

*The truth is that we need only look at recent human history to find real, live, utterly****repugnant****evil.*[*Salon (Sep 4, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1821201)

1. [restitution](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/restitution)

a sum of money paid in compensation for loss or injury

*While****restitution****is paid to the victim, criminal fines and felony assessments are paid to a crime victims’ fund.*[*Washington Times (Nov 21, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1987059)

1. [sabotage](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sabotage)

destroy property or hinder normal operations

*“We want at least a district that won’t****sabotage****the dreams of its youths.”*[*Los Angeles Times (Nov 21, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1985836)

1. [scarcity](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/scarcity)

a small and inadequate amount

*Water—its****scarcity****, quality and the regulations affecting it—is becoming a new corporate headache.*[*Economist (Nov 6, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1956541)

1. [scurry](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/scurry) move about or proceed hurriedly

*Ever wonder how cockroaches****scurry****around in the dark while you fumble to switch on the kitchen light?*[*Science Magazine (Dec 3, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2009536)

Vocab #81-90

1. [serenity](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/serenity)

the absence of mental stress or anxiety

*The surrounding waters and beautiful pools that surround the hotel create a real sense of calm and luxurious****serenity****.*[*Forbes (Jul 25, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1747220)

1. [sociable](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/sociable) friendly and pleasant

*Running with others is really****sociable****and great fun.*[*BBC (Apr 10, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1574433)

1. [somber](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/somber)

grave or even gloomy in character

*It was also the day before one of the most****somber****of American anniversaries: Pearl Harbor was bombed 73 years ago Sunday.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2016573)

1. [specimen](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/specimen)

an example regarded as typical of its class

*The researchers detected it in older starfish samples, museum****specimens****from as early as 1942.*

1. [stamina](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/stamina)

enduring strength and energy

*A 6-year-old might not want to walk the mile into Petra, but teenagers have enough physical and intellectual****stamina****to appreciate going to these places.­*[*New York Times (Dec 5, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2014333)

1. [subside](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/subside)

wear off or die down

*The virus has a history of****subsiding****, then flaring up again.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1937883)

1. [swagger](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/swagger)

a proud stiff pompous gait

*The Giants had arrived here with the****swagger****of a team that had won two of the last four World Series titles.*[*New York Times (Oct 3, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1884200)

1. [swarm](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/swarm)

move in large numbers

*In “****Swarm****” mode, the robots instead follow one another, like children chasing a soccer ball.*

1. [tactic](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/tactic)

a plan for attaining a particular goal

*Technology has been used as a crime-fighting****tactic****, but not as a tool to determine what happens during a police action.*[*New York Times (Dec 4, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2012392)

1. [terse](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/terse)

brief and to the point

*It’s a request to which Dipper responds, with****terse****eloquence, “Weird.”*[*New York Times (Nov 21, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1986191)

Vocab #91-100

1. [translucent](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/translucent)

allowing light to pass through diffusely

*It comes in several colors, including attractive****translucent****ones.*[*Washington Times (Jul 30, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1756926)

1. [uncanny](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/uncanny)

surpassing the ordinary or normal

*The Dark Sky App tells you the weather where you are with an****uncanny****accuracy.*[*Forbes (Jun 26, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1690031)

1. [unsightly](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/unsightly)

unpleasant to look at

*But that’s just a quibble, an****unsightly****pimple on what is a greater problem.*[*The Guardian (Oct 14, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1904321)

1. [versatile](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/versatile)

able to move freely in all directions

*Eggs are among the most****versatile****foods and the proteins change when you heat them, beat them or mix them with other ingredients.*[*US News (Dec 10, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2023833)

1. [vigilant](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/vigilant)

carefully observant or attentive

*Because there are so many scammers out there, banks are****vigilant****about verifying that you are who you say you are.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2018113)

1. [vulnerable](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/vulnerable)

capable of being wounded or hurt

*Second, older cells are more****vulnerable****to this damage—or less able to repair themselves.*

1. [waft](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/waft)

be driven or carried along, as by the air

*The birds were chirping, and a warm breeze****wafted****through the screens.*[*Washington Post*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/2016639)

1. [waver](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/waver)

pause or hold back in uncertainty or unwillingness

*He is tough as nails, never****wavers****, speaks the truth and stays focused.*[*New York Times (Oct 13, 2014)*](https://corpus.vocabulary.com/go/1902279)

1. [weather](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/weather)

face and withstand with courage

*You even get subjected to ridicule, and you have to****weather****that storm.*

1. [zeal](https://www.vocabulary.com/dictionary/zeal)

a feeling of strong eagerness

*The enthusiasm has caught on among his regulars, who come often, linger and talk about pumpkins with the****zeal****of converts.*