

Glossary

This glossary can help you find the meanings of some of the words in this book. The meanings given are the meanings of the words as they are used in the book. Sometimes a second meaning is also given.

A

accept

To take what is given: *I **accept** your gift and would like to give you something too.*

accepted

A form of **accept**: *He **accepted** the package and waited until he was alone to open it.*

accomplish

To do completely, or carry out: *They **accomplish** the job by working together.*

accomplishments

A form of **accomplish**: *The concert showed the **accomplishments** of each musician.*

account

A record of money received or spent: *A savings **account** helps you keep track of money you put in the bank.*

achieve

To succeed in doing: *Some people **achieve** a lot by studying on the Internet.*

agree

To have the same idea or opinion: *I **agree** with you that it is a good day to go swimming.*

agreed

A form of **agree**: *The two friends **agreed** to meet at the bridge after school.*

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amaze

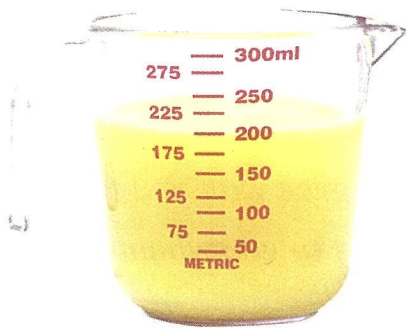
To surprise or to fill with wonder: *The huge redwood trees **amaze** many visitors.*

amazed

A form of **amaze**: *We were **amazed** when we saw the first whale.*

amounts

Quantity or sum of quantities: *Always measure the **amounts** of juice before you add them to the batter.*



amount

answer

To say, write, or do something in reply: *When you **answer** the questions, write the numbers to go with them.*

answered

A form of **answer**: *Nobody **answered** my call at first, but then I heard a tiny voice.*

assistant

A helper, or one who assists: *He needed an **assistant** to work with the animals.*

B

blaze

To burn: *The sun may **blaze** too strongly for us to stay at the beach.*

blazed

A form of **blaze**: *Our campfire **blazed** in the darkness and kept us warm all evening.*

budget

A plan for how money will be spent: *Our family **budget** includes amounts for food, clothing, and heat.*

C

cage

A space closed around with wire or bars: *Sometimes they shut all their windows and let the bird out of her **cage**.*

cheer

To shout in happiness or in praise: *Everybody will **cheer** and clap when the musicians take their bows.*

cheered

A form of **cheer**: *The crowd **cheered** when the mayor gave her the award.*

chuckle

To laugh quietly: *I sometimes **chuckle** when I think about the silly things we did.*

chuckled

A form of **chuckle**: *They **chuckled** at the comic strip in the newspaper.*

clear

To get rid of or remove: *After the storm, we will **clear** away the branches from the path.*

cleared

A form of **clear**: *When they **cleared** the table after the meal, they planned what to do next.*

compose

To create or make up: *He likes to **compose** songs for the musical each year.*

composed

A form of **compose**: *She **composed** a duet for flute and piano.*

conceal

To hide something so that it cannot be seen: *I tried to **conceal** the gift I bought for my aunt because I wanted to surprise her.*

concealed • delicious

concealed

A form of **conceal**: *I **concealed** my diary in my closet so that my sister couldn't find it.*

confuse

To mix up: *Sometimes people **confuse** twins who look very much alike.*

confused

A form of **confuse**: *The cookies taste salty because he **confused** the sugar with the salt.*

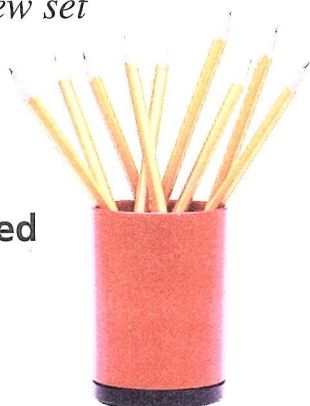
contain

To keep inside or hold: *Oranges **contain** vitamins and other things that are good for your health.*

contained

A form of **contain**: *The box **contained** a new set of pencils.*

contained



content

To be happy or satisfied: *The lazy cat is **content** to lie in the sun all morning.*

control

To direct or be in charge of: *The children learned to **control** the hand puppets.*

copy

To make something exactly like an original: *I will **copy** this picture in color so you can see the details.*

curb

A stone rim along the edge of a sidewalk or road: *Workers are fixing the **curb** along this street.*

D

delicious

Tasting or smelling very good: *He made some vegetable soup that was **delicious**.*

depend

To rely on or need for support:
*Dogs **depend** on their owners to feed them.*

depended

A form of **depend**: *The group **depended** on her to lead the way out of the forest.*

design

To make a plan for: *We always **design** furniture before we build it.*

designed

A form of **design**: *She **designed** this desk to hold a computer and a printer.*

disappoint

To let down hopes or wishes:
*I don't want to **disappoint** my parents, so I try to do my best in school.*

disappointed

A form of **disappoint**: *They were **disappointed** that their team did not make the final round.*

discover

To find out, or to find: *It is exciting to **discover** a hidden treasure.*

discovered

A form of **discover**: *When she **discovered** the shiny stones, she showed them to her teacher.*

duplicate

To make an exact copy of: *It is hard to **duplicate** a painting with many details.*

duplicated

A form of **duplicate**: *We **duplicated** these pictures on a copier.*

dye

Something that gives or adds color to cloth, paper, or other material: *We colored shirts by dipping them in **dye**.*

E

empty

Containing nothing: *The bottle is almost **empty**, but you can have the last few sips of water.*

exact

Accurate in every detail: *He hoped to make an **exact** copy of the statue.*

exercise

Activity that helps the body: *People and animals need **exercise** every day.*

explain

To make clear or give reasons for: *If you **explain** what to do, I will try to do it.*

explained

A form of **explain**: *After my father **explained** how the camera worked, I began to use it.*

express

To make known: *Her stories **express** the feelings of the characters very well.*

extra

More than what is usual or needed: *She made an **extra** loaf of bread to give to me.*

F

fail

To be unsuccessful: *We don't want to **fail** to reach the top of the mountain.*

failed

A form of **fail**: *They **failed** to find the missing gloves, but at least they found the scarf.*

final

Coming at the end: *We took a **final** spelling test at the end of the school year.*

finally

At last, after a long while: ***Finally** the long car ride was over.*

fling

Throw hard: *If I **fling** this rock into the water, it might skip over the waves.*

flung

A form of **fling**: *She **flung** the ball so hard it went way past home plate and into the bleachers.*

flutter

To flap, beat, or wave rapidly: *Moths **flutter** around the porch light in the evening.*

fluttering

A form of **flutter**: *A hummingbird was **fluttering** around the bright garden flowers.*



fluttering

fortune

The luck that comes to a person: *I had the good **fortune** to win a ticket to the big game.*

fund

A sum of money raised or kept for a certain purpose: *The family has a vacation **fund** that helps them save for summer travel.*

G

gaze

To look for a long time: *We **gaze** in wonder at the snowy mountains.*

gazing

A form of **gaze**: *They were **gazing** at the pink and purple clouds in the sunset sky.*

glimmering

Shiny or sparkling: *The **glimmering** jewels are very beautiful.*

grain • hero

grain

A very small part of something: *A **grain** of sand is so small that you can barely see it.*

grand

Wonderful or important: *He felt **grand** when he marched in the parade.*

grateful

Feeling thankful or showing thanks: *They were so **grateful** for her help that they gave her a gift.*

growl

To make a low, deep, angry sound: *We don't want the bear to **growl** at us.*

growled

A form of **growl**: *When the wolf **growled**, she jumped back.*

guard

Someone who protects or watches over: *The **guard** kept watch all night long.*

guess

To have or offer an idea without all the needed information: *I'll **guess** that there are about three hundred pennies in the jar.*

guessed

A form of **guess**: *She **guessed** that the skates would still fit, but she would soon find out.*

H

heavily

A form of **heavy**: *The snow was falling so **heavily** that we had to shovel the path again.*

heavy

Weighing a lot, thick, or hard to bear: *This is a **heavy** box for one person to carry.*

hero

A person who is admired for brave, kind, or important actions: *She is a **hero** because she helped so many people find safety.*

hurried

A form of **hurry**: *We all hurried inside because the rain got very heavy.*

hurry

To act or move quickly:
Sometimes I hurry to get to the bus on time.

I**inventions**

Original machines, systems, or processes: *Radios, telephones, and cameras were important inventions in the past.*



invention

J**junior**

Younger in a family or group:
The junior players learned from the senior players.

K**knot**

Tied-together piece of rope or string: *The knot was so tight that I had to cut the string.*

L**lean**

To slant to one side or to rest on: *You can lean your head on my shoulder if you are sleepy.*

leaned

A form of **lean**: *Some people leaned against the wall because there were no chairs left.*

lonely • plan

lonely

Sad about being alone or far from friends: *He felt **lonely** after his brother left for summer camp.*

N

nutrition

What our body gets from food in order to grow and stay healthy: *An orange is a food that has a lot of **nutrition**.*

O

odd

Unusual or strange: *The car was making an **odd** noise, so we stopped to check.*

ordinary

Common, usual: *This bread you baked tastes better than **ordinary** bread.*

otherwise

If not or if things were different: *I ran fast, because **otherwise** I would have missed the train.*

overjoyed

A feeling of being very happy: *I was **overjoyed** to find out that my poem won first place.*

overlook

To miss seeing, or not notice: *Please don't **overlook** the people who helped make costumes for the play.*

overlooked

A form of **overlook**: *The smallest kitten was **overlooked** at first, but then we found him.*

P

peace

Calm: *If you want **peace** and quiet, try camping in the wilderness.*

peacefully

A form of **peace**: *The cat dozed **peacefully** on the sofa.*

plan

To decide on what to do: *We **plan** to travel all day.*

planning

A form of **plan**: *If you are **planning** for the party, be sure to get balloons.*

pod

A shell that covers some seeds: *You can eat some peas while they are still in their **pod**.*

polite

Having or showing good manners: *Their parents showed them how to be **polite**.*

position

Location, or area that a team player is assigned: *Some players wanted to change their **position** on the soccer team.*

practice

To do over and over to gain skill: *I **practice** playing the drums twice a week.*

pretend

To make believe or act as though something is true: *We are riding **pretend** horses when we ride our bikes.*

prize

Something won in a contest: *The **prize** for the best dancers was a blue ribbon.*



prize

R

receive

To take or get something that is sent or given: *We **receive** many cards for the holiday every year.*

received • root

received

A form of **receive**: *They **received** a notice about what to recycle and where to put it.*

remarkable

Deserving notice, or outstanding: *The landing on the moon was a **remarkable** event.*

remove

To take out, take away: *You can **remove** the seeds of the apple after you slice it.*

repeat

To do or say again: *Please **repeat** the directions and I will try to follow them.*

repeated

A form of **repeat**: *The game was so much fun that they **repeated** it the next day.*

result

Something that happens because of something else: *The class mural was a **result** of days of planning and painting.*

roar

To make a loud, deep sound or noise: *Engines **roar** and wheels roll before the planes take off.*

roared

A form of **roar**: *When the lion **roared**, the smaller animals turned and ran.*

root

The part of a plant that grows down into the ground: *You cannot see the **root** of a plant because it is underground.*

S

search

To look over or go through carefully: *We will **search** along the path for the missing gloves.*

sense

Clear reason or good judgment: *It makes **sense** to wear boots in deep snow.*

sensible

A form of **sense**: *Be **sensible** enough to take an extra swimsuit on vacation.*

serious

Thoughtful, important, not joking: *This is a **serious** topic, so please listen carefully.*

seriously

A form of **serious**: *If you take it **seriously**, you should practice the piano every day.*

serve

To prepare and offer something: *We used trays to help us carry and **serve** the tea at the party.*



serve

served

A form of **serve**: *The waitress **served** the desserts last.*

sharp

Having a fine point or cutting edge: *The knives are **sharp**, so please be careful.*

sharpening

A form of **sharp**: *By **sharpening** the pencil, he could draw very fine lines.*

shoot • spinning

shoot

A plant that has just begun to grow up through the soil: *I was happy to see the **shoot** of my plant poke through the dirt.*

slippery

Slick or likely to cause slipping: *The rain froze overnight so the streets were **slippery**.*

soak

To make something completely wet by placing it in liquid or by pouring liquid on it: *The heavy rain will **soak** the soil.*

soften

To make something softer or less hard: *The ice cream began to **soften** because I left it on the counter.*

sore

Painful or feeling hurt: *The shoes were so tight that she had a **sore** toe.*

souvenir

Something kept to recall a special time or place: *I wish that I had a **souvenir** from the trip.*



souvenir

spin

To twist cotton or wool to make yarn or thread: *We learned to **spin** thread when we studied how families lived long ago.*

spinning

A form of **spin**: *While **spinning** the yarn, she hummed a tune.*

sprang

A form of **spring**: *The fox sprang out of the tall grass and chased the chipmunk.*

spring

To leap, or move up in a quick motion: *The squirrels spring from the tree to the porch roof.*

stare

To look with a steady, often wide-eyed gaze: *Many people don't like to have someone stare at them.*

staring

A form of **stare**: *Everybody was staring at the huge box and guessing what was inside.*

startle

To cause a sudden movement, as of surprise: *Talking might startle the deer, so be very quiet.*

startled

A form of **startle**: *The ducks were startled by the truck and flew away.*

steer

To guide or direct the course of: *I'm glad that we learned to steer the boat.*

strand

One of the long pieces that are twisted together to make rope or yarn: *The strong rope was made from many strands.*

stream

A body of water that flows in a bed or channel: *A few miles from here, that small trickle of water turns into a flowing stream.*

studied

A form of **study**: *Long ago sailors studied the stars by watching the sky at night.*

study

To try to learn from, or to look closely at: *They study the ant farm to find out how ants work together.*

suspicious • tearing

suspicious

Not trusting, or having doubts:
*We were **suspicious** because last time she tried to fool us.*

suspiciously

A form of **suspicious**: *The mouse watched the snake **suspiciously** from far off.*

swift

Fast: *A **swift** rabbit can run away from a hungry fox.*

T

tangle

Snarl or twist: *We **tangle** the string every time we try to fly our kite.*

tangled

A form of **tangle**: *The kittens played with the **tangled** ball of yarn.*

task

A job or chore: *Cleaning my messy room is a difficult **task**!*

tasty

Having a lot of good flavor: *I asked for more of my grandmother's **tasty** soup.*

taught

A form of **teach**: *My grandma **taught** me how to build a birdhouse.*

teach

To give knowledge or lessons: *I can **teach** you how to do that kind of puzzle.*

tear

To pull apart or rip: *I like to **tear** colored paper and make designs.*

tearing

A form of **tear**: *After **tearing** down the old barn, they built a newer, stronger one.*

toss

To throw or pitch: *In this game, you **toss** balls into a basket.*



toss

tossed

A form of **toss**: *The two children **tossed** the beanbag back and forth.*

train

To teach skills or ways to act: *You can **train** your dog to wait quietly.*

training

A form of **train**: *After many weeks of **training**, the team won every game.*

trouble

Something that is difficult, dangerous, or upsetting: *He didn't want to cause **trouble**, so he worked very carefully.*

tumble

To roll or do somersaults: *Mikael likes to **tumble** all the way down that steep hill!*

tumbling

A form of **tumble**: *After **tumbling** across the mat, the gymnast did a split and a cartwheel.*

U

upset

To be disturbed or turned over: *The birds were **upset** when the cat climbed toward their nest.*

V

valuable

Important, or worth a lot of money: *Be careful to not break the antique plate. It is very **valuable**.*

village • wisdom

village

A group of houses that make up a community smaller than a town: *There were about fifty people in the whole **village**.*

W

waterproof

Able to keep water off or out: *For hiking in the rain, you need a raincoat and a **waterproof** hat.*

weave

To pass something such as yarn or twigs over and under one another: *The children learned how to **weave** a small basket.*

web

Material that connects or ties together: *The spider spun a **web** between two branches of the tree.*

webbed

A form of **web**: *Ducks, geese, and penguins have **webbed** feet.*



webbed

whistle

Something that makes a high, clear sound when air is blown through it: *The coach blew a **whistle** when he wanted the team to stop and listen.*

wisdom

Being able to judge what is best and right: *People say that you gain **wisdom** after many years of living and making mistakes.*

wonder

To be curious about: *I wonder how birds feel when they are flying.*

worn

Damaged by being used too much: *My little brother's blanket looks very worn because he takes it with him wherever he goes.*

Y**yarn**

Spun wool or nylon for weaving or knitting: *She loved the colors and feel of the yarn in the knitting store.*



yarn