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1C Words Defined

anarchy / ardent / augment / blasé / desolate / embark / fend / panorama / reception / rubble / teem / tract / vice versa / vie / wrangle

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1. **anarchy** (noun) a state of lawlessness, confusion or disorder

The crowd erupted into a state of *anarchy* during the concert.

Synonyms: chaos, disorder, turmoil

Other forms: The *anarchist* (noun) lit the garbage heap on fire and soon the whole street was ablaze.

2. **ardent** (adj) passionate, enthusiastic and fiery

Quincy was an *ardent* fan of any sports related books or authors.

Synonyms: impassioned, fervent, zealous

3. **augment** (verb) to add to

Larry's dad agreed to *augment* his allowance by two dollars a week.

Synonyms: to boost, increase, enhance

Antonyms: to decrease, reduce

4. **blasé** (adj) unimpressed and indifferent

We all thought Ken would be really excited about the prestigious award he received, but instead he was very *blasé* about the whole thing.

Synonyms: bored, disenchanted

Antonyms: eager, enthusiastic

5. **desolate** (adj) without any people; dismal and devastated

We were shipwrecked and washed up on the most *desolate* island.

Other forms: *Desolate* is also a verb meaning "to devastate," as in: Several mean boys tried to *desolate* my sand castle on the beach by running through it. Something that is destroyed is an example of *desolation* (noun).

6. **embark** (verb) to start or begin

Trina is going to *embark* on a trip and sail around the world by herself.

Synonyms: to commence, launch, undertake

7. **fend** (verb) to ward off or defend

The rock stars had to *fend* off the screaming and swarming girls as they exited the building.

Synonyms: to repel, resist, shield

8. **panorama** (noun) an unobstructed or complete view

The celebrity's home had a *panorama* of the entire valley and beyond.

Other forms: The *panoramic* (adj) view from the top of the building was breathtaking.

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9. reception (noun) the act or instance of receiving or meeting

The boys gave the girls a chilly *reception* at the Super Bowl party.

Other forms: A person is usually very *receptive* (adj) when someone offers to clean their bathroom and kitchen for them.

10. rubble (noun) broken bits and pieces

After the huge earthquake, the buildings were nothing but *rubble*.

Synonyms: debris, fragments, wreckage

11. teem (verb) to swarm, brim or overflow

Ponds often *teem* with fish, insects and frogs.

Synonyms: to abound, overrun, be prolific

Antonyms: to lack, need

12. tract (noun) an area, expanse or region

While trying to buy a *tract* of land, Chris had to be taken to the hospital due to his inflamed digestive *tract*.

13. vice versa (noun) conversely, in reverse

Kristina hates the homecoming queen, and *vice versa*: The queen hates her back.

14. vie (verb) to compete for

Charlie and Big "T" are both *vying* for starting-point guard spot on the ball team.

Synonyms: to compete, contend, strive

15. wrangle (verb) to argue or dispute

Eleanor likes to *wrangle* with her father about the dangers of smoking.

Synonyms: to dispute, fight, brawl

Antonyms: to agree, give in


Other forms: *Wrangle* is also a noun meaning "a noisy dispute or altercation," as in: During the *wrangle*, Everett threw plates and cups at Stephanie.

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2C Words Defined

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1. **agile**  (adj.) able to move quickly and easily; flexible

Cheerleaders are very *agile* as evidenced by their fancy stunts and dance moves.

Synonyms: nimble, spry

Other forms: Chimpanzees have a lot of *agility* (noun) since they are able to swing freely and easily from limb to limb without ever falling to the ground.

2. **audacious**  (adj.) bold, daring or uninhibited

The *audacious* young baseball player was eager to work his way up from the minor leagues.

Synonyms: courageous, nifty

Antonyms: timid, cowardly

3. **crusade**  (noun) a military expedition; a campaign for a cause

The king led the *crusade* across the country to take over more land and people.

Other forms: Crusade can also be a verb meaning "to fight for a cause," as in: The sixth graders *crusade* all year long to be able to attend the seventh and eighth grade dances. A *crusader* is one who *crusades*.

4. **dub**  (verb) to choose; to name

The English teacher announced that she was going to *dub* Lawrence the best speller in the entire class.

Synonyms: designate, label

5. **era**  (noun) a period of time marked by distinct events

The invention of the Ford Model T marked a new *era* in travel.

6. **exceptional**  (adj.) unusual, extraordinary

Brittney was such an *exceptional* speller that even our English teacher asked her how to spell words.

Synonyms: atypical, phenomenal, peculiar

7. **grapple**  (verb) to struggle with physically or mentally

Steven *grappled* with the idea of losing both his mom and his brother in the car accident.

8. **heritage**  (noun) legacy or tradition

The family had been located in the town for over one hundred years and were very proud of their *heritage*.

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9. legendary (adj) well-known or famous

Wild Bill, the outlaw, was *legendary* for his bank robbery hold-ups and gun fights.

Antonyms: obscure, unknown

Other forms: A *legend* (noun) is a story passed down through generations or a person who becomes *legendary*.

10. mien (noun) manner or appearance

The king was a man of honorable *mien*, so the townspeople did not fear him.

11. muse (verb) to think about or ponder something

My dad told me that my problem wasn't that I *mused* too much and that an idle mind was the devil's playground.

12. muster (verb) to gather or to summon

Like many teenage students, Gloria has to *muster* a lot of courage to stand in front of her peers and deliver a speech.

Antonyms: disperse, scatter

13. pivotal (adj) important, vital

A pivotal moment in the football game occurred when the opposing team's quarterback fell and broke his arm.

Antonyms: insignificant, minor, incidental

Other forms: A *pivotal* event is like a *pivot* (noun), a pin in the ground around which other things turn.

14. stamina (noun) endurance

Most marathon runners have a lot of *stamina* to run long distances.

Synonyms: staying power, endurance

15. stance (noun) 1. an intellectual or emotional attitude toward something 2. the position of one's feet.

1. Gavin's mom took a negative *stance* on taking drugs because her father had died from a drug addiction.

2. The baseball player's *stance* was awkward, yet he consistently hit home runs when he was at bat.

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amiss / avail / bizarre / chastise / contagious / culminate / deplore / dialect / hover / loll / modify / preposterous / spontaneous / subside / tedious

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1. **amiss** (adj) in a faulty way, astray, or wrong

When my parents came home from being gone all weekend, they saw how clean the house was and immediately knew something was *amiss*.

Synonyms: faulty, improper, flawed, askew, awry

Other forms: *Amiss* can also be an adverb: Something's gone *amiss*!

2. **avail** (verb) to be of use to; to help

The doctor's best efforts did not *avail* the dying patient.

Synonyms: to benefit, aid

Other forms: *Avail* can also be a noun meaning "use or advantage" as in: His strength was of little or no *avail* in digging himself out from under the avalanche.

3. **bizarre** (adj) unusual, odd or outrageous

Tracy was exhibiting *bizarre* behavior around James because she had a crush on him.

4. **chastise** (verb) to criticize or discipline

The football coach would *chastise* his players when they were losing.

Synonyms: scold, berate

Antonyms: praise, encourage

5. **contagious** (adj) easily transmittable

Even though Stella's boyfriend had strep throat and was highly *contagious*, she kissed him.

6. **culminate** (verb) to come to the end or the highest point

The flag football tournament will *culminate* with an awards banquet, where I hope to be recognized as the most valuable player.

Synonyms: conclude, finish, peak

Other forms: A huge dinner marked the *culmination* (noun) of the Broadway season.

7. **deplore** (verb) to feel or express strong disapproval of

The group told the President that they *deplored* American involvement in the war.

Synonyms: to bemoan, regret

8. **dialect** (noun) the language specific to a group of people due to geography, society, or an occupation

Those dudes speak a strange *dialect* of Spanish.

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9. **hover** (verb) to suspend in air; to wait nearby

The cats tend to *hover* by their food dish when they are hungry for breakfast and dinner.
Synonyms: hang, float, linger

10. **loll** (verb) to lounge; to recline

During summer, the kids like to *loll* about on the dock in their bathing suits beside the lake.
Synonyms: to hang, relax, chill
Antonyms: to hurry, rush, speed

11. **modify** (verb) to change; to amend

Sometimes my grandmother will *modify* her cookie recipe by adding more sugar so they are sweeter.
Other forms: If you make a *modification* (noun) to something, you make a change to it.

12. **preposterous** (adj) foolish, absurd

Barry was telling his mom a *preposterous* story about why he was an hour and a half late to school.
Antonyms: reasonable, sensible, logical

13. **spontaneous** (adj) unplanned and impulsive

There was a *spontaneous* burst of laughter at the back of the classroom when the teacher accidentally said a bad word.

14. **subside** (verb) to lessen, diminish, decline

The weatherman said the huge waves would *subside* after the hurricane.
Antonyms: to rise, increase

15. **tedious** (adj) boring, tiring or monotonous

Sharon gave her daughter some *tedious* tasks to complete to pass the time while they waited for their plane to arrive.
Antonyms: entertaining, interesting, exciting

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1. **balmy** (adj) soothing, refreshing and mild

People change into shorts at the first sign of *balmy* weather.

Synonyms: temperate, tropical, moist

Other forms: A *balm* is a soothing ointment, usually from a plant.

2. **citadel** (noun) a fortress or stronghold

Only ten warriors remained to defend the *citadel*.

3. **clad** (verb) dressed, wearing

He was *clad* in a tuxedo.

Other forms: *Clad* is actually considered a past tense form of the verb "to clothe," which is to dress.

4. **fallacy** (noun) a misleading or false belief

The idea that the world was flat was a popular *fallacy*.

5. **gingerly** (adverb) cautiously or carefully

The baker *gingerly* placed the decorative flowers on the wedding cake.

Antonyms: carelessly, recklessly

Other forms: *Gingerly* can also be an adjective: He picked up the cat in a *gingerly* way.

6. **grope** (verb) to search blindly; to feel with your hands

When the lights went out, I *groped* for the switch.

Synonyms: to fumble

7. **intervene** (verb) to come between; to step in and stop

I had to *intervene* when the two boys fought at the spring dance.

Synonyms: to intrude

Antonyms: to leave alone, withdraw

Other forms: My friends planned an *intervention* (noun) for their best friend, who was addicted to alcohol.

8. **mercenary** (noun) a professional soldier hired into a foreign army

Pablo is a *mercenary* so he is often away from home for months at a time.

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9. **plunder** (verb) to rob; to pillage

When the pirates sail into port, it is inevitable that they will *plunder* local homes and businesses. Other forms: *Plunder* can also be a noun meaning “stolen goods or loot,” as in: Jack Sparrow’s *plunder* consisted of gold and silver coins.

10. **revenue** (noun) income; earnings

Alison made a lot of *revenue* with her corner lemonade stand during the summer. Antonyms: expenditure, outgoings, payment

11. **rue** (verb) to feel sorrow or regret

Tommy will *rue* the day he gets his water gun taken away for good by his mother. Antonyms: to celebrate, rejoice

12. **staple** (noun) an important item or raw material

Chocolate was an important *staple* in the Johnson household. Other forms: Edward hates to *staple* (verb) his papers in class because he has to get up out of his seat to go do it.

13. **turbulent** (adj) stirred up, disturbed or chaotic

Their marriage was nothing but *turbulent* years of fighting, arguing and unhappiness. Synonyms: choppy, stormy
Antonyms: settled, calm, manageable
Other forms: There was so much *turbulence* (noun) on the flight that I couldn’t read my book or sleep.

14. **tycoon** (noun) a wealthy and powerful businessperson

The *tycoon* owned lots of real estate in New York City. Synonyms: baron, capitalist, industrialist

15. **vilify** (verb) to speak evil of; slander

Sandra likes to vilify her stepmother with outrageous stories and accusations in order to make her mom smile. Antonyms: compliment, praise, support

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1. advocate (verb) to argue for, recommend or urge

Our student council representative is going to *advocate* for a longer lunch period on Fridays.
Other forms: My neighbor is a strong *advocate* (noun) of saving the rainforests.

2. attribute (verb) to consider as caused by something else

The firefighters *attributed* the forest fire to arson.
Other forms: *Attribute* can also be a noun meaning "a quality or characteristic," as in: Honesty is an *attribute* that many people look for in politicians.

3. capacious (adj) spacious, roomy

The Physical Education department needed a *capacious* bin in which to store all of the sporting equipment.
Synonyms: voluminous, ample, commodious

4. conservative (adj) favoring traditional views; against change

She is such a *conservative* dresser; she only wears full-length skirts and dresses.
Other forms: A *conservative* person (or especially someone who votes that way) is considered a *conservative* (noun).

5. forfeit (verb) to give up or surrender

My grandmother had to *forfeit* her purse to the mugger to avoid being pushed down and beaten up.
Synonyms: to give over, relinquish

6. humane (adj) marked by compassion or tenderness for humans or animals

People are not very *humane* to their pets if they leave them locked in a hot car while they dine or shop.
Synonyms: caring, compassionate, altruistic
Antonyms: cruel, mean, malicious

7. inaugurate (verb) 1. to begin 2. to officially bring into office

The end of the war will hopefully *inaugurate* a time of peace between the two countries. 2. The ninth President of the United States was *inaugurated* in March and was dead by April.
Synonyms: commence, initiate
Other forms: The *inaugural* (adj) ball took place after the *inauguration* (noun).

8. liberal (adj) 1. favoring progress and reform over tradition 2. generous

One of the most *liberal* people in Omaha, Karl wanted everyone to have healthcare.
Other forms: *Liberal* is also a noun meaning "a person who advocates open-mindedness and liberal views," as in: The politician labeled himself a *liberal*.

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9. plausible (adj) believable

Some of the first graders' stories did not have *plausible* plots, but they were still very cute to read.
Antonyms: unlikely, implausible, doubtful

10. recourse (noun) the option of having someone or something for help

Chaz felt he had no *recourse*; he had to take matters into his own hands.
Synonym: alternative

11. renown (noun) widespread fame

The audience was in awe of the celebrity's *renown* when he entered the room.
Antonyms: anonymity, obscurity, oblivion
Other forms: If you are famous, you are *renowned* (adj).

12. servile (adj) groveling or extremely submissive

The new recruits expressed *servile* obedience to their superiors.

13. tirade (noun) a long, violent speech

My dad went on a *tirade* about my messy room and yelled my ear off.
Synonyms: outburst, rant, diatribe

14. ultimate (adj) last, final or greatest

It was Serena's *ultimate* goal in life to get straight A's on all of her essays.
Synonyms: final, paramount, greatest

15. wage (verb) to carry on a battle or conflict

The students wanted to *wage* a war against hunger in their community and have a yearlong food drive.
Other forms: *Wage* is also a noun meaning "payment for labor or services," as in: As a busboy, I did not earn a very high *wage*.

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1. **abet** (verb) to assist, encourage or support, usually in some wrongdoing

George will *abet* Louie in the bank robbery by driving the getaway car.

Other forms: An *abettor*, or *abetter* (noun) assists another in some sort of wrongdoing.

2. **atrocity** (noun) an appalling condition; the act of being shockingly cruel or inhumane

The biggest *atrocity* of the war was the horrible treatment of women and children in the prison camps.

Other forms: Sadly, the kids at the orphanage were sleeping in *atrocious* (adj) beds of filth, lice and stains.

3. **caption** (noun) an explanation or description for a picture

Daphne did not read the *caption* under the cartoon, so she did not get its meaning.

Other forms: *Caption* can also be a verb meaning "to entitle something," as in: The yearbook editor asked us to *caption* each and every photograph.

4. **discern** (verb) to detect or perceive as separate and distinct

The students were able to *discern* that their teacher was not happy with them after she read the notes left by her substitute.

Synonyms: distinguish, differentiate

Antonyms: disregard, overlook

5. **deploy** (verb) to spread out or move into a position of readiness

If the landing gear doesn't *deploy* on time, the plane will crash on the runway.

Other forms: The large *deployment* (noun) of troops to Iraq meant that the war was not over yet.

6. **evolve** (verb) to develop over time or gradually

Over the next two weeks, the seeds we planted in science class will *evolve* into different types of plants.

Synonyms: emerge, grow, metamorphose

Other forms: A popular video on the Internet features a man showing the *evolution* (noun) of dance.

7. **exemplify** (verb) to show by example, or to be an example of

Our student body president tries to *exemplify* the characteristics of a good leader and friend.

Synonyms: demonstrate, display

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8. fastidious (adj) demanding, painstaking or hard to please

Bruno is a *fastidious* cleaner because he sweeps, mops and vacuums his entire house daily.

Synonyms: careful, meticulous, discriminating

9. feasible (adj) capable of being accomplished; possible

My plan to steal a car was *feasible*, but I was too lazy to carry it out.

Antonyms: impossible, unlikely

10. inventive (adj) creative

Valerie was an *inventive* fashion designer and often won awards for her unique clothing designs.

Synonyms: artistic, innovative

Other forms: As you probably know, an *inventor* (noun) *invents* (verb) *inventions* (noun).

11. minimize (verb) to reduce to the smallest amount

Lyndsay's doctor tried to *minimize* the amount of pain she felt following her knee surgery.

Synonyms: downplay, diminish, lessen

Antonyms: enhance, exaggerate, maximize

Other forms: The smallest amount is the *minimum* (noun).

12. perspective (noun) a view, or a mental view or outlook

From my *perspective* at the back of the classroom, it looked as if Kayeesha was cheating off of Joey's test.

13. rebuke (verb) to criticize sharply or disapprove of

A teacher most likely will *rebuke* a student for chewing gum in class.

Synonyms: berate, admonish, reprimand

Other forms: *Rebuke* is also a noun meaning "a criticism or admonishment" as in: The police officer gave the teenager a sharp *rebuke* for speeding in a residential area.

14. sporadic (adj) not happening often; occasional

Mary experiences *sporadic* moments of happy memories of her late husband.

Synonyms: scattered, spotty, infrequent

Antonyms: steady, continuous, frequent

Other forms: The bride *sporadically* (adverb) placed rose petals up and down the aisle of the church.

15. voracious (adj) marked by a large appetite for food or an activity

Timothy was such a *voracious* reader that the librarian let him check out more than the allowable number of books.

Synonyms: avid, unquenchable, insatiable

Antonyms: quenched, satisfied, indifferent

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1. allot (verb) to distribute or divide into portions or shares

On Halloween, I always *allot* each trick-or-treater the same amount of candy no matter how scary their costumes are in comparison to each other.

Synonyms: to pass out, allocate

Antonyms: to keep, retain, withhold

2. assimilate (verb) to incorporate or absorb something; to adjust to

Hot dogs, though originally German, became so *assimilated* into American culture that they now seem truly American.

Other forms: Ping's *assimilation* (noun) into American culture was quick and easy.

3. bountiful (adj) having a lot; plentiful

Our math teacher had a *bountiful* supply of sharpened number two pencils in her desk drawer.

Synonyms: big, ample, copious

4. conventional (adj) standard; ordinary

My parents chose to drive the more *conventional* way home as opposed to the scenic route.

Synonyms: common, traditional

Other forms: A *convention* (noun) is both a normal practice (like shaking hands when you meet someone) and a big gathering of people (like the Whale Watchers Convention).

5. deceptive (adj) misleading or dishonest

It wasn't until my ninth birthday that I realized my parents had been *deceptive* about the existence of the tooth fairy.

Other forms: A *deception* (noun) is a lie.

6. foster (verb) to encourage or care for

Ms. C tried to *foster* creativity in all her students.

Synonyms: promote, cultivate, support

Antonyms: neglect, suppress

7. haven (noun) a refuge or safe place

My mom always says that the health spa is her true *haven*.

Synonyms: retreat, sanctuary, asylum

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8. instill (verb) to introduce gradually; implant

It is important to *instill* good manners into children when they are young.

Synonyms: implant, infuse

9. memoir (noun) a written account of one's personal life

Bill Clinton's memoir, *My Life*, was a best seller for many months.

Synonyms: biography, anecdote

10. ornate (adj) decorated in a very fancy, flashy style

I was envious of Sydney's jewelry box because it was filled with *ornate* necklaces, earrings and bracelets.

Synonyms: glitzy, gaudy

Antonyms: plain, unadorned, austere

Other forms: *Ornate* is related to *ornament* (noun), a decoration you might put on your Christmas tree.

11. phenomenon (noun) an observable event; something that is extraordinary

Again and again in nature we see an interesting phenomenon: Storms in the Gulf of Mexico become powerful hurricanes.

Other forms: The celebrity looked *phenomenal* (adj), really extraordinary, after her makeover.

12. shackle (noun) a device (usually metal) that restricts the movement of a prisoner, like handcuffs

Our abductors threatened to tighten our *shackles* unless we stopped screaming for help.

Other forms: *Shackle* is also a verb meaning "to confine or restrain," as in: The kidnappers *shackled* the reporter to a pipe in their backyard.

13. sublime (adj) supreme, outstanding or lofty

There is a *sublime* view from the peak of any mountain.

Synonyms: divine, heavenly

Antonyms: lowly, gross, unattractive

14. surpass (verb) to exceed or go beyond

The Olympic athlete tried to *surpass* the world record time in his first race.

Antonyms: to lose, retreat, fall behind

15. theme (noun) 1. the main subject or unifying idea 2. the music associated with a TV show or person (short for theme song)

1. The *theme* of the story "To Build a Fire" is survival. 2. The Batman *theme* is one of the most famous songs, even though there is only one word in it: *Batman!*

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1. **barter** (verb) to trade

At recess, the boys will often *barter* their baseball cards with one another.

2. **defect** (noun) an imperfection or fault

The toy cow was supposed to "moo" when his tail was pulled, but it had a *defect* and made no sound at all.

Other forms: *Defect* can also be a verb meaning "to leave, desert or abandon," as in: The man tried to *defect* from his country because the ruler was a harsh dictator.

3. **dispatch** (verb) to send off or away

The police will *dispatch* over a hundred volunteers to help search the nearby woods and fields for the missing child.

Other forms: A *dispatch* can also be a noun meaning "a message," as in: The soldier delivered the important *dispatch*.

4. **doctrine** (noun) a principle, position or belief system that is taught

The speech was full of religious *doctrine*, so I was bored and confused at the same time.

Synonyms: theory, belief, dogma

Other forms: If you are taught a *doctrine* until you believe it, you have been *indoctrinated* (verb).

5. **embargo** (noun) a prohibition or restriction, usually of trade

Because the government announced an *embargo* of all Cuban goods, I couldn't let the ship come in to dock.

6. **flustered** (adj) put into a state of confusion

The lawyer was so *flustered* by the judge's remarks that he accidentally knocked his glass of water on the floor.

Synonyms: distraught, rattled

Antonyms: clearheaded, composed

7. **foreboding** (adj) menacing; indicating something bad is coming

The huge waves and strong winds were a *foreboding* sign that a hurricane was brewing off the coast.

Other forms: *Foreboding* can also be a noun meaning "a prophesy." Also, clouds might *forebode* (verb) a storm if they indicate a storm is coming.

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8. formidable  (adj) causing fear or admiration

Even though Jasper was less than five feet tall, he was a *formidable* opponent in the boxing world.
Synonyms: impressive, mighty, daunting

9. fortify  (verb) to make strong; to protect against an attack

Tony decided to *fortify* his sagging roof by adding two pillars.

10. gaunt  (adj) thin and bony

The only survivor from the shipwreck looked *gaunt* after being stranded on an island with little food for three weeks.
Synonyms: skinny, bony

11. haggard  (adj) worn and wild-looking

The travelers had *haggard* faces after flying for more than twenty hours without sufficient leg room or a meal.
Synonyms: fatigued, exhausted, ashen

12. incense  (verb) to make extremely angry; infuriate

Gary was *incensed* when he received an F on his math final exam because he had studied for two solid weeks.
Other forms: *Incense* (noun) is also the name of the perfumed sticks you can buy to make your room smell good.

13. inventory  (noun) a supply of goods or materials

The bookstore had plenty of *inventory* – they had crates and crates of books – they just didn't have anyone to sell them to.
Other forms: *Inventory* is also sometimes used as a verb meaning “to take stock of, “ as in: As a waitress, I had to *inventory* the ketchup, mustard, salt and pepper at the end of my shift.

14. overt  (adj) open and observable; obvious

Billy made *overt* attempts to be exceptionally well behaved around the holidays.
Antonyms: hidden, sneaky, covert

15. susceptible  (adj) easily influenced or affected

The premature baby was *susceptible* to colds, sicknesses, and infection.
Antonyms: resistant

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9C Words Defined

accord / antics / benign / bonanza / cite / component / concept / deface / enigma / infinite / lucrative / rational / serene / succumb / transition

Below you'll find each vocabulary word that was used in the song. Each word is followed by the part of speech, a simple definition and a meaningful sentence. Some words will also have synonyms, antonyms and other forms of the word listed.

1. **accord** (noun) an agreement, usually a formal one.

The two countries reached an *accord* to end the war.

Other forms: Two ideas can be in *accordance* (noun) or in *accord* (noun) when similar. One idea can be *according* (adverb) to another.

2. **antics** (noun) playful or mischievous tricks, pranks or shenanigans

My mother was late for work and in no mood for my brother's *antics* as he tied his shoelaces.

3. **benign** (adj) 1. not harmful 2. kind and generous (of a person)

1. You think swallowing a little dirt is bad, but it's actually *benign*. 2. The *benign* ruler sent out birthday cards to all her subjects.

4. **bonanza** (noun) a rich harvest or a sudden good fortune

This year's crop of tomatoes was a *bonanza* for the local farmers.
Synonyms: gold mine, windfall

5. **cite** (verb) to quote something as an authority

Lawyers often *cite* police documents to prove their case.

Other forms: When a writer *cites* a source in an essay, it is a *citation* (noun).

6. **component** (noun) a part or piece of a greater whole

Learning how to write introductions is just one *component* of writing an entire essay.

Synonyms: element, ingredient, constituent

7. **concept** (noun) an idea

Dividing exponents was a difficult *concept* for the honor students to grasp.

Other forms: An idea that is not yet completed is just *conceptual* (adj.).

8. **deface** (verb) to spoil the appearance of

Those students who *deface* the locker room walls with graffiti will spend their weekend scrubbing it clean.

Synonyms: to mar, vandalize

9. **enigma** (noun) a puzzling situation or person

I can't figure out what motivates Darnell; he's an *enigma* to me.

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10. infinite (adj) going on forever; having no boundaries

It looked as though there were an *infinite* amount of daisies in the meadow next to my house.

Antonyms: limited, finite

Other forms: The astronauts hope to explore a tiny part of the *infinity* (noun) that is space.

11. lucrative (adj) very profitable

Luckily, my stockbroker made a *lucrative* investment with my money, so I will be able to retire early.

12. rational (adj) reasonable, sensible

The crooks knew they needed to stay *rational* and not make any crazy decisions.

Synonyms: calm, level-headed

Antonyms: illogical, irrational

13. serene (adj) calm and peaceful

The grandparents liked the *serene* atmosphere of the resort, as opposed to the loud and noisy beach area.

Other forms: *Serenity* (noun) overcame me as I sat silently next to the still lake.

14. succumb (verb) to yield, surrender; give in

The protesters did not *succumb* to the spraying of pepper spray and rubber bullets.

Antonyms: conquer, dominate

15. transition (noun) a movement from one form, state, style or place to another

The twenty-second century will witness a *transition* from automobiles to flying "aero-cars."

Other forms: *Transition* can also be used as a verb: Bill *transitioned* from selling bikes to selling cars.

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10C Words Defined

apprehend / authority / conscientious / deter / dire / eventful / excruciating / facilitate / languish / luminous / millennium / rankle / recur / strident / swelter

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1. apprehend (verb) to arrest or take into custody

Brian would do anything to *apprehend* his wife's murderer.

Other forms: *Apprehend* is also a verb meaning "to perceive or understand," as in: It was difficult for the kindergartners to *apprehend* the idea of death when the class hamster suddenly died.

2. authority (noun) 1. power to influence how others act or think 2. someone who has power or knowledge

Umpires have the *authority* to eject players and coaches from the game. 2. Einstein was an *authority* when it came to physics.

Other forms: You can *authorize* (verb) something if you give your permission for it to happen.

3. conscientious (adj) careful; well thought-out

When my dad and I wrestle in the living room, we have to be very *conscientious* of my baby sister so we do not hurt her.

Antonyms: careless, inattentive, negligent

Other forms: Your *conscience* (noun) is your inner sense of what is right and wrong.

4. deter (verb) to prevent or discourage from proceeding

Karina tried to *deter* her little brother from eating the last cupcake by licking all the frosting off of it.

Antonyms: to encourage, persuade

5. dire (adj) desperate; terrible

Two of the soccer players were in *dire* need of a water break during the game, since the temperature was over one hundred degrees.

Synonyms: urgent, critical, pressing

6. eventful (adj) full of events; important

The day Lisa was born was the most *eventful* day of her father's life.

7. excruciating (adj) extremely intense or painful

The football player was in *excruciating* pain after being tackled by four defensive lineman.

Antonyms: pleasant, soothing, enjoyable

8. facilitate (verb) to assist or make easier

The therapist tried to *facilitate* a conversation between the unhappy husband and wife.

Other forms: The *facilitator* (noun) led the meeting.

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9. languish (verb) to become weak; lose health

The lady *languished* once her partner died.

Synonyms: to weaken, deteriorate

10. luminous (adj) shining and bright

The stage was *luminous* from all the spotlights cast upon it.

Antonyms: dark, dim, obscure

11. millennium (noun) a period of one thousand years

Chelsea felt like a *millennium* had passed before she got her cell phone back from her parents.

12. rankle (verb) to cause irritation or resentment

It *rankles* our PE teacher for days when students openly disrespect him.

Antonyms: to calm, pacify, soothe

13. recur (verb) to repeat or happen again

Gail's nightmare would *recur* night after night, so she eventually refused to go to sleep.

Other forms: There was a *recurrence* (noun) of chicken pox in the elementary school. There was a *recurring* (adj) theme in the books they read this semester: death.

14. strident (adj) harsh or grating, as in a sound

A *strident* tone echoes in the house every time my sister practices her violin.

Antonyms: soft, silent, calm

15. swelter (verb) to be uncomfortably hot

The kids are going to *swelter* out by the pool all day since there is no shade or overhang to keep them cool.

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11C Words Defined

adept / clarify / connoisseur / disdain / excerpt / gullible / indifferent / irascible / onslaught / profound / pseudonym / pungent / renounce / sage / sleek

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1. **adept**  (adj) very skilled; expert

The juggler was so *adept* he actually juggled three chainsaws.

2. **clarify**  (verb) to make clear or understandable

The senator asked the witness to *clarify* his earlier statement.

Synonyms: simplify, refine

Antonyms: confuse, complicate

Other forms: A *clarification* (noun) is what is given to you when you ask someone to *clarify* something.

3. **connoisseur**  (noun) an expert in a specific field, such as art or food

My best friend was a *connoisseur* of Impressionistic art; he collected it.

Antonyms: amateur, novice

4. **disdain**  (verb) to look down upon or hate

My PE teacher *disdained* lazy students and thought they weren't worth his time.

Synonyms: to hate, feel contempt for

Other forms: *Disdain* can also be a noun, as in: The proud poodle owner felt nothing but *disdain* for those owners who let their dogs get covered in mud.

5. **excerpt**  (noun) a passage or selection from a book, film, song or the like

The author chose to read an *excerpt* from his best-selling novel, *Torture Chamber*.

6. **gullible**  (adj) easily tricked or deceived

Nina was so *gullible* that she believed the roller coaster's loop was an illusion.

Synonyms: trusting, naive

Antonyms: suspicious, skeptical, wary

7. **indifferent**  (adj) having no particular interest one way or the other

When it comes to my pain, she is totally *indifferent* and that increases the pain.

Antonyms: caring

Other forms: Kendra expressed her *indifference* (noun) to the musical by leaving halfway through.

8. **irascible**  (adj) very irritable or easily angered

Most of the *irascible* old men at the rest home upset their nurses on a daily basis.

Synonyms: testy, cranky

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9. onslaught (noun) a violent attack or a huge outpouring

There was an *onslaught* of mosquitoes during the barbecue, so we had to move the party indoors.

10. profound (adj) deep

The teacher was surprised to find that the class clown was such a *profound* thinker.

Antonyms: shallow

11. pseudonym (noun) a fake or alternate name

The author wanted to see if people liked his writing or him, so he wrote several books using a *pseudonym* to test that theory.

Synonyms: alias, false name, nickname

12. pungent (adj) sharp and powerful, usually smell or taste

Diane's remarks about Steve being a liar were as *pungent* as stinky cheese.

Antonyms: bland, mild

13. renounce (verb) to give up voluntarily

Sam told his father he hated him so much that he would *renounce* his inheritance of \$200,000.

Synonyms: abandon

14. sage (adj) wise

Dave was known for his *sage* advice regarding the stock market.

Other forms: Sage is also a noun meaning "a wise person," as in: The *sage* warned that chaos would prevail unless the community started to work together.

15. sleek (adj) smooth, slick, shiny

Devin pulled up in a *sleek* new Corvette to pick up his prom date.

Antonyms: dull, rough

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12C Words Defined

analogy / articulate / cache / convey / crucial / decipher / disposition / eccentric / endeavor / enhance / epoch / ferret / trepidation / stint / principal

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1. **analogy** (noun) a similarity or comparison between two things

My biology teacher made an *analogy* between the human heart and a pump.
Other forms: When two things are *analogous* (adj.), they are related in some way.

2. **articulate** (adj) said or expressed clearly, or someone who is capable of clear expression

The principal was looking for *articulate* students to make daily announcements over the school intercom.
Other forms: *Articulate* can also be a verb meaning "to pronounce clearly," as in: The doctor tried to delicately *articulate* to the parents that their child was terminally ill.

3. **cache** (noun) a secret supply

The burglar never found our *cache* of rare coins hidden in the floor.
Synonyms: hiding place, stash, stockpile

4. **convey** (verb) to transmit information or transport something

The teachers tried to *convey* to Tyler's parents that he was failing all six of his classes.

5. **crucial** (adj) extremely important or essential

Locating the plane crash site was a *crucial* step in the recovery of the dead passengers.

6. **decipher** (verb) to decode, figure out, or solve

Some investigators have to *decipher* secret codes in notes intentionally left behind by serial killers.
Antonyms: to scramble, confuse, encode

7. **disposition** (noun) state of mind, mood or spirit

Natalie had not taken a nap and her *disposition* reflected that.

8. **eccentric** (adj) strange; not behaving normally

She was *eccentric* all right; she made her clothes out of grass and hay.
Other forms: An *eccentric* (noun) is someone who is *eccentric*.

9. **endeavor** (verb) to attempt or try

The chefs constantly *endeavor* to keep the food from spoiling by keeping it in the refrigerator until needed.
Other forms: *Endeavor* can also be a noun meaning "an attempt or effort," as in: The skydiver made an *endeavor* to land on both legs in the middle of the arena.

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10. enhance (verb) to intensify or magnify

The photographer tried to *enhance* the model's natural beauty by adding softer lights around her face and a fan to blow her hair back.

Synonyms: improve, upgrade

Other forms: Bert made an *enhancement* (noun) to his house by adding on a game room loft and another bathroom.

11. epoch (noun) a time period marked by distinctive events

The treaty ushered in an *epoch* of peace and goodwill.

Synonyms: time, period, era

12. ferret (verb) to discover or search out

Janet is going to try to *ferret* out a candy vending machine in the vegetable canning plant.

Synonyms: extract, unearth, uncover

Other forms: A *ferret* (noun) is "a small, domesticated animal," as in: It is illegal to have a *ferret* as a pet in some states.

13. trepidation (noun) fear or alarm

He approached the scene of the car accident with much *trepidation*.

14. stint (noun) a period of time spent doing something

Robin did a short *stint* as a lion trainer with the circus.

15. principal (adj) of first or highest importance

Vinny's *principal* reason for going back home was to get his baseball glove for practice.

Other forms: *Principal* is also a noun meaning "the head or leader of an organization," especially the leader of a school.

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13C Words Defined

aloof / avid / commemorate / confiscate / decree / desist / encroach / flair / hindrance / imperative / institute / ovation / prodigy / sedative / ungainly

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1. **aloof** (adj) uninterested or distant

Henry was so *aloof* that he didn't realize that the actor he had idolized for five years was standing right next to him.

Synonyms: detached, distant, disdainful

Other forms: You can also use *aloof* as an adverb: He stood *aloof*.

2. **avid** (adj) enthusiastic and eager

Melissa was an *avid* bicyclist and sometimes rode over thirty miles a day.

Synonyms: devoted, ardent, voracious

3. **commemorate** (verb) to honor the memory of

We will *commemorate* the victims of September eleventh with a statue.

Synonyms: to memorialize, pay tribute, to revere

4. **confiscate** (verb) to use authority to take possession of private property

At the airport, the security agents will *confiscate* any items that could be used as a weapon.

Synonyms: seize, commandeer

5. **decree** (noun) an authoritative order or decision

The presidential *decree* to release the prisoners was on the President's desk, waiting to be signed.

Synonyms: an act, mandate

Other forms: *Decree* is also a verb meaning "to command or to issue," as in: I *decree* that all students who wear hats in the classroom will receive a detention.

6. **desist** (verb) to stop doing something

I know you love to yell, but you better *desist* when the teacher comes back.

Synonyms: cease

7. **encroach** (verb) to advance beyond usual limits

Sometimes I feel like my twin sister tries to *encroach* on my side of the bedroom with all of her belongings.

Synonyms: to invade, overstep, trespass

8. **flair** (noun) a natural talent or ability; style

James had a *flair* for taking photos and arranging them attractively in scrapbooks.

Synonyms: gift, talent, aptness

Antonyms: inability, limitation

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9. hindrance (noun) something that holds you back

The baseball player's newly broken arm was a *hindrance* to him pitching in any more games for the remainder of the season.

Synonyms: encumbrance, obstacle, restraint

Other forms: A *hindrance* *hinders* (verb) you.

10. imperative (adj) necessary, required, critical

It is *imperative* to study for your driver's test to ensure that you pass.

Other forms: Imperative is also a noun meaning "a command," as in: The lieutenant gave an *imperative* for all the soldiers to drop and complete fifty push-ups.

11. institute (verb) to establish or begin

The school administration is going to *institute* many new rules because of the increase in misbehavior among the student body.

Other forms: Something established is an *institution* (noun), while an *institute* (noun) is "an organization for the promotion of a specific cause".

12. ovation (noun) loud, prolonged applause

Mr. Costello received a standing *ovation* after he was recognized for saving three children from drowning.

Synonyms: acclaim, applause

13. prodigy (noun) a child with an extraordinary talent or ability

Steven was considered a musical *prodigy* at the age of four because he could play Mozart from memory.

Synonyms: child genius, phenomenon

14. sedative (adj) calming or soothing

The *sedative* music helped to calm the crying baby

Other forms: A *sedative* (noun) "a soothing medication," will *sedate* (verb) or calm a person.

15. ungainly (adj) awkward, clumsy

Frank was so *ungainly* that he tripped over everything all the time.

Synonyms: blundering, uncoordinated, klutzy

Antonyms: graceful, skillful, coordinated

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14C Words Defined

assail / awry / banter / disgruntled / durable / elite / exotic / glut / intricate / jurisdiction / pang / pioneer / pithy / porous / proficient

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1. **assail** (verb) to violently attack or assault

In fourth grade, a bully used to *assail* Jorge for being short until he grew five inches over the summer. Other forms: An *assailant* (noun) is a person who attacks someone.

2. **awry** (adverb) or (adj) turned or twisted; gone wrong

The wedding plans went *awry* when the bride did not show up at the chapel.

3. **banter** (noun) light talk; witty remarks

She was pretty, but her constant *banter* was driving me crazy; I need some real conversation.

4. **disgruntled** (adj) grumpy; dissatisfied and sulky

The *disgruntled* baseball player screamed and kicked dirt on the umpire.
Synonyms: unhappy, annoyed, irritable
Other forms: You can *disgruntle* (verb) someone if you make him unhappy.

5. **durable** (adj) able to stand up to wear and tear; lasting a while

Farmer Jenkins installed *durable* fencing around the pigs to replace the wood posts they had chewed up.
Synonyms: sturdy, reliable
Antonyms: fragile, flimsy, cheap

6. **elite** (adj) best or first class

The *elite* members of American society often attend Ivy League schools.
Synonyms: aristocratic
Other forms: *Elite* can also be a noun meaning a person who is of a high class.

7. **exotic** (adj) strange or foreign in character

Stacie always wears the most *exotic* clothing; she even owns a burka.

8. **glut** (noun) an excessive amount; too much

Due to the small number of people at the birthday party, there was a *glut* of cake leftover.
Antonyms: shortage

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9. **intricate**  (adj) complex

Every Halloween, there is an *intricate* corn maze that is fun for us to walk through at night.
Antonyms: simple

10. **jurisdiction**  (noun) power, authority or territory

Although the murder case was out of Officer Brazelton's *jurisdiction*, he continued to investigate.

11. **pang**  (noun) a sudden sharp feeling

A *pang* of hunger took hold of me in the middle of my math test, so I couldn't concentrate on my calculations.
Synonyms: ache, twinge

12. **pioneer**  (noun) someone who settles in a land first or who opens up new areas of research

Dr. E was a *pioneer* in the scientific community as the first doctor to seriously study pimples.

13. **pithy**  (adj) brief but full of meaning; to the point

Marvin was famous for his *pithy* responses in history class because he hated the sound of his own voice.
Antonyms: long-winded

14. **porous**  (adj) full of holes or pores

Our tent was so cheap that its *porous* fabric meant we got soaking wet from the rain.
Antonyms: watertight
Other forms: *Pores* (noun) are little holes: You sweat out of the *pores* in your skin.

15. **proficient**  (adj) skilled

Nick was a *proficient* swimmer and had no problem passing the swim test.
Synonyms: accomplished, competent