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## Introduction

Welcome, students and parents! This pocketbook is intended to help students prepare for the level of vocabulary encountered on the SSAT & ISEE. For students applying to many top private and independent schools in North America, these exams are a crucial and sometimes daunting step in the admissions process. By helping you master these core vocabulary words, Ivy Global will help you build your confidence and maximize your score on these important exams.

## Comprehensive Prep

We know that no two students are exactly alike—each student brings unique personal strengths to his or her test preparation. For this reason, we've tailored our preparation materials to help students with a specific subject area or goal. Ivy Global also offers full sets of SSAT and ISEE books to help students develop the best strategies for each section of these exams:

- *SSAT English, SSAT Math, SSAT Practice*
- *ISEE English, ISEE Math, ISEE Practice*

This book is the first in a set of three vocabulary pocketbooks for the SSAT and ISEE that include a total of 365 words for every-day learning:

- *Vocabulary 1 (Essential)* – Words 1-125
- *Vocabulary 2 (Extended)* – Words 126-250
- *Vocabulary 3 (Advanced)* – Words 251-365

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## How to Use This Book

This book is a study aid; it isn't a complete dictionary. The words here are selected because they are likely to be useful when studying for the SSAT and ISEE, and we've given brief definitions to help you quickly learn the most common meaning of each word. There is more information available about each word, including information about less common definitions and the history and etymology of each word.

- When you learn a word, pay attention to its part of speech (is it a noun, verb, adjective, or adverb?) and look for other possible definitions of the word.
- Be sure to write your own personal sentence for each word to help you remember it.
- When you're writing your sentence, if you don't totally understand the meaning of a word you should try to search for other sentences containing the word.
- Use a pencil, and have a trusted reader check your sentences.
- Correct your sentences if you don't quite capture the meanings of the words on your first try.
- In order to master as many words as possible before your exam, create a daily schedule and make sure to review old words while you are learning new ones.

## Sample Study Schedule

To begin, try using this sample study plan as a model for your own personalized study schedule.

Sample Study Schedule		
Week	Words this Week	Goal Reached?
1	1 - 25	<input type="checkbox"/>
2	26 - 50	<input type="checkbox"/>
3	51 - 75	<input type="checkbox"/>
4	76 - 100	<input type="checkbox"/>
5	101 - 125	<input type="checkbox"/>
6	Final Review	<input type="checkbox"/>

We recommend focusing on 10-40 words each week. The table above is for a schedule of learning 25 words per week.

## Learning New Words

As you work through these vocabulary words, make sure that you're using the most effective strategies.

**Use mnemonics:** Mnemonics are devices to help improve your memory and can be used to help you remember difficult words. They can use combinations of words, images, patterns of letters or a myriad of other things. Mnemonic devices should only be used with words that are complex—short, easy to remember words can actually become more complicated with the use of a mnemonic device. Mnemonics help you convert abstract information into a mix of what you already know.

You can use similar sounding words to remember a new one:

- There are no sirens in this serene neighborhood.

Siren is something that is loud and annoying, but serene means “calm and clear.” A lack of sirens will make for a serene environment.

- The wrecking ball was raised to raze the building.

Raze means “destroy,” and a wrecking ball would probably get the job done.

You can also use something more visual:

- Novel tea would be a novelty. Usually tea is made from plants, not books!

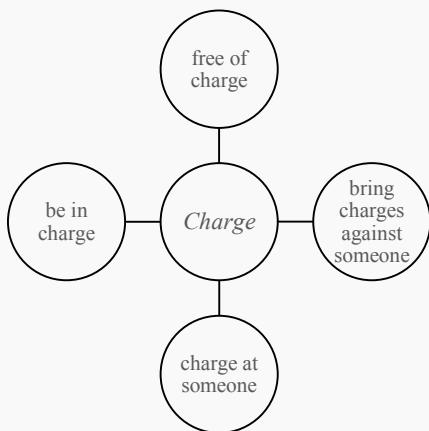
**Expand your classroom:** Don't think of learning vocabulary as something you need to do just for the SSAT or ISEE. Instead, try to make these words a part of your everyday life. There are lots of creative ways you can use your new vocabulary words:

- Start using the words you learn in essays and homework assignments.
- Try making a tricky word your theme for an art project.
- Use new words in conversations with friends and family.
- Tape flash cards or put sticky notes with the words you're learning around your house and recite the definition of a word each time you see it.
- Compete with your friends to see who can master the most words.
- Draw a picture that captures the meaning of a word.

**Know Connotations:** A word's connotation is its secondary meaning, or the feeling we get from the word. A word can have a positive (+) connotation if it means something good, a negative (-) connotation if it means something bad, or a neutral connotation if it is neither good nor bad.

For example, the word "horrible" has a negative connotation, whereas "joyous" has a positive connotation. If you can remember that a word means something positive or negative, you may be able to eliminate answer choices with the opposite connotation if you encounter them on your exam.

**Come up with contexts:** If you want to remember multiple definitions of a word, one useful strategy is to come up with many contexts—phrases where you might have heard the word before. A word’s context is everything in a phrase or sentence that might influence the word’s meaning. The word “charge,” for example can have many different meanings, depending on its context. It might be helpful to make yourself a bubble chart and think of as many phrases as you can:



What does “charge” mean in each of these contexts? “Free of charge” means that you don’t have to pay for something; to “be in charge” means to have power or be in control; to “charge at someone” means to attack suddenly or assault; and to “bring charges against someone” means to accuse or blame.

Let’s begin!



**adequate**

## sufficient; acceptable (adj)

Her parents didn't mind that she wasn't making straight A's as long as her grades were adequate.

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**adorn**

## decorate (v)

He adorned his room with posters of his favorite movies.

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**adversity**

## **misfortune; challenging circumstances (n)**

Her childhood was too full of adversity for her to remember it fondly.

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**aesthetic**

## relating to art or beauty (adj)

Those shoes are certainly comfortable, but they have little aesthetic value.

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**aggravate**

## annoy; make worse (v)

The students' fondness for passing notes in class aggravated their teacher.

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**alleviate**

## make less severe (v)

My favorite ways to alleviate stress are listening to upbeat music and spending time with friends.

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**amateur**

# nonprofessional; unskilled (adj)

Her pictures are so well-composed that it's hard to believe she's an amateur photographer.

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**ambiance**

## the atmosphere or mood of a place (n)

The string quartet and candlelit tables gave the restaurant a luxurious ambiance.

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**ambiguous**

## unclear; uncertain (adj)

The Mona Lisa's ambiguous smile gives the painting a sense of mystery.

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**animosity**

## intense hostility (n)

The animosity between the director and the lead actor made rehearsals an unpleasant experience for the rest of the cast.

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**anomaly**

## something abnormal (n)

An anomaly in the results of her blood test revealed that she had a serious medical condition.

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**arid**

## dry; barren (adj)

The desert is so arid that only cacti can survive.

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**articulate**

**able to speak fluently and  
logically (adj); express  
precisely (v)**

The college professor was surprised by how articulate the high school student was.

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**authentic**

## **genuine (adj)**

An authentic designer bag is much more expensive than a knock-off you can buy on the street.

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**bemuse**

# **confuse, bewilder (v)**

The detective was bemused by the evidence that seemed to point at two different suspects for the same crime.

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**bewilder**

## confuse severely (v)

At first she was bewildered by Shakespeare's old-fashioned language, but after using a modern translator he became one of her favorite authors.

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**blend**

# mix together (v); a mixture of multiple things (n)

The trick to a good sauce is to make sure you blend the ingredients completely.

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**bliss**

## total happiness (n)

A cozy chair and a good book is my vision of bliss.

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**boisterous**

# energetic; noisy (adj)

We could hear his boisterous laughter all the way across the room.

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**brandish**

## wave something in anger or excitement (v)

She brandished her sword to show the king that she was serious about leading the army.

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**capitulate**

## surrender; to give in (v)

She pouted and whined and begged, but her parents would not capitulate to her demands for her own car.

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**chasm**

## a deep divide (n)

Over time, water can turn a small dent on the surface of the earth into a chasm hundreds of feet deep.

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**chronological**

## **in the order in which events occurred (adj)**

This summer, she plans to read every book by Toni Morrison in chronological order according to when they were published.

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**circumvent**

## find a way around (v)

If we stick to the trail on the map, we'll circumvent any seriously dangerous terrain.

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**collaborate**

## work together (v)

Although I don't mind working alone, I think it's more fun to collaborate with others.

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**colleague**

**someone a person works  
with in the same  
organization or profession  
(n)**

The job itself was a little boring, but her friendly colleagues made it more interesting.

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**comprehend**

## understand (v)

Kelsey couldn't comprehend why her little brother liked putting ketchup on his peas.

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**conjecture**

## idea or opinion without evidence (n)

The notion that the medicine could lead to trouble sleeping was based on conjecture and needed to be proven in a clinical trial.

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**conservative**

## traditional; cautious (adj)

His conservative style of dressing was uncommon at the high school, which had no dress code restrictions.

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**contend**

## argue; assert (v)

Leticia contended that she was the best choice for the assignment, despite her inexperience.

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**courtesy**

## respect, politeness (n)

Although disappointed that she did not accept the job offer, the manager was pleased that Jessica had the courtesy to tell him that she had taken another job.

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**creed**

# system of beliefs (n)

United States law allows all men and women to practice their creed freely.

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**custom**

## traditional behavior (n)

It is a common custom for Europeans to have long meals with their families.

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**dearth**

# lack (n)

People constantly called and emailed to ask questions about the company because of the dearth of information on their website.

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**debacle**

## disaster (n)

The decision to hire inexperienced staff proved to be a major debacle for the restaurant during its peak season.

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**deduct**

## take away; subtract (v)

The manager deducted \$500 off the employee's paycheck after she arrived late every day for a month.

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**defective**

## not functioning (adj)

Joseph returned the defective computer to the store, and the company replaced it with a new one.

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**delight**

# please (v); pleasure (n)

It delighted Norah to hear that her best friend Sandra would be visiting Philadelphia.

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**demolish**

# destroy (v)

The construction crew demolished the old mansion in order to begin construction on the new apartment building.

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**deteriorate**

## fall apart (v)

Without anyone to maintain it, the abandoned warehouse deteriorated quickly.

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**disperse**

## scatter (v)

The group of antelopes dispersed after they saw the lion pack approaching.

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**durable**

## long-lasting (adj)

Although the sports car was more attractive, George decided to buy the durable sedan, which he knew would be more reliable in the end.

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**efface**

## erase (v)

The rain effaced the criminal's footsteps,  
leaving us with no trail to follow.

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**elation**

## intense joy (n)

When the numbers read by the TV host matched Miguel's lottery ticket, he felt an elation he had never before experienced.

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**embrace**

## accept enthusiastically (v)

Exhausted from studying for four consecutive hours, Jillian embraced the idea of taking a break.

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**enigma**

# puzzle (n)

The disappearance of Nancy's wallet remained an enigma to her; she clearly remembered taking it with her to work.

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**erratic**

## unpredictable (adj)

New York's erratic weather can make it difficult to know what to wear in the morning.

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**evade**

## avoid (v)

Derek evaded washing the dishes in the morning by pretending he was late to work.

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**exalt**

## praise (v)

After successfully landing on the moon, Neil Armstrong was exalted as a hero.

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**exonerate**

## remove guilt or blame (v)

The defendant was exonerated after the DNA tests proved her innocence.

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**expel**

## remove by force (v)

The student was expelled from the school after he was caught cheating on an exam.

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**extravagant**

## unnecessarily fancy (adj)

When David and Veronica walked into the Johnsons' house, they found the diamond chandelier too extravagant for their taste.

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**feeble**

## **weak; inadequate (adj)**

His feeble excuse for missing class landed him in detention.

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**ferocity**

# fierceness (n)

We were in awe of the mother bear's ferocity in defending her cubs.

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**fiasco**

## failure, disaster, farce (n)

We had high hopes for our latest business venture, but it turned out to be a financial fiasco.

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**flamboyant**

## attention-grabbing (adj)

As the oft-ignored middle child, she frequently resorted to flamboyant clothing to attract the attention she craved.

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**gaffe**

# an embarrassing mistake (n)

The actor's gaffe was on tabloid front pages  
for a week.

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**glitch**

## minor malfunction (n)

A computer glitch meant that I couldn't save my work, so I had to rewrite the last page of my assignment.

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**hoax**

**trick, deception, con (n);  
trick, deceive, con (v)**

Watch out for hoaxes on April Fools' Day.

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**idiosyncrasy**

## eccentricity, quirk (n)

When writing, remember that a few idiosyncrasies can make a boring character more likeable.

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**impeccable**

## faultless, perfect (adj)

As a teenager, he was well-liked by his friends' parents because of his impeccable manners.

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**impertinent**

# irrelevant; insolent, disrespectful (adj)

The high school teacher was becoming tired of the impertinent comments her students often made.

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**innovation**

## a novel idea or thing (n)

Her most recent innovation increased productivity in the office by more than fifty percent.

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**instigate**

# initiate; provoke (v)

His hot temper and strong opinions often instigated heated arguments.

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**investigate**

# thoroughly examine (v)

We cannot form conclusions until we have investigated the claims.

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**ironic**

## **different from what is expected; sarcastic (adj)**

It was ironic that the concoction he took every day for his symptoms was actually making them worse.

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**laborious**

# labor-intensive, arduous, effortful (adj)

Olympic athletes must undertake years of laborious training.

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**laud**

## praise (v)

This article should laud her achievements in mathematics, not criticize her appearance.

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**livid**

## furious (adj)

The news that her social services were being cut yet again left her livid.

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**lore**

# mythology, stories, body of traditions or knowledge (n)

The myth of the haunted house on Pecan Street is a large part of our town's lore.

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**loquacious**

# talkative (adj)

She was so loquacious and charming that there was never an awkward silence with her.

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**malice**

## ill will, spite (n)

The musician's ex-boyfriend did not give a fair evaluation of her performance; instead, his review was motivated by malice.

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**medley**

## assortment, mixture, miscellany (n)

The children at the party have very different food preferences, so the parent bought a medley of snacks for them to share.

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**merit**

**worthiness, value (n);  
deserve, warrant (v)**

The debators should be judged not on their charm or confidence, but on the merits of their arguments.

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**mock**

## make fun of (v)

Jessica would often mock her brother's short stature.

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**modify**

## alter; change (v)

After students began dropping her class, Professor Smith modified her curriculum to entice them to stay.

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**narrative**

## story (n)

The police became skeptical when listening to Aaron's inconsistent narrative.

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**nemesis**

## enemy (n)

After his army lost the battle, David swore he would defeat his nemesis the next time.

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**nimble**

## quick; agile (adj)

The soccer player's nimble moves helped her team to victory.

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**obsolete**

# no longer current (adj)

CD players are obsolete; people prefer to listen to music on their computers instead.

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**obstinate**

## stubborn (adj)

The obstinate boy would not follow instructions, even after being told several times.

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**opponent**

**person or group  
competing against  
another (n)**

Manuela and her opponent Jeffrey were nearly evenly matched in the chess game.

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**overt**

# obvious (adj)

She liked people who didn't try to hide their intentions, so she found his overt flirtation charming.

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**pact**

# agreement (n)

After William broke Jordan's lamp, the brothers made a pact not to play catch in the house again.

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**painstaking**

# difficult; with great effort (adj)

Patricia's painstaking attention to detail led to the capture of the criminal, as well as a promotion to detective.

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**paradox**

# something that does not follow (n)

It seemed like a paradox to Matilda: it was raining, but the sun was shining brightly.

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**peril**

## danger (n)

Alexandra knew she was in peril when she could not find her way out of the lion's den.

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**pester**

# annoy (v)

Timothy would constantly pester his sister by standing in front of the TV while she was watching her favorite show.

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**practical**

## useful, logical (adj)

The book, marketed as a language guide for travel, was not very practical, as it did not include information about hotels or airports.

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**precocious**

# advanced at a young age (adj)

The precocious child could speak three languages fluently by the time she turned seven.

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**preserve**

## maintain (v)

To preserve the freshness of those berries, you should put them in the refrigerator.

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**prominent**

# well-known, important (adj)

Rebecca was excited to introduce her friends to the prominent guest at her party.

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**prototype**

## original model (n)

The prototype of the computer was incredibly fast, but needed to be altered.

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**query**

## question, request (n)

The parents had various queries for the teacher after their children came home confused from the lesson.

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**rapid**

## fast (adj)

The cheetah is perhaps the most rapid land animal, running as fast as 70 miles per hour for short distances.

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**raze**

# destroy (v)

The historic mansion was razed in order to make room for a new office building in one of the city's oldest neighborhoods.

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**redundant**

## **extra, unnecessary, duplicated (adj)**

Her first explanation was useful, but her attempts to clarify it were just redundant.

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**remedy**

## cure (n)

There is no known remedy to the common cold, but rest and vitamin C are said to speed up the recovery.

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**reprimand**

## criticize, condemn (v)

After the child was caught stealing candy, he was severely reprimanded by his parents.

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**retort**

## respond in a forceful manner (v)

After hearing Pete's position on the issue,  
Jane retorted with a stern critique.

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**rural**

# characteristic of the countryside (adj)

John's cottage was located in a rural area,  
surrounded by fields and forests.

Your sentence:

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**sage**

## wise individual (n)

The sage's poignant answer to my question about the meaning of life came from his many years of knowledge and wisdom.

Your sentence:

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**sarcastic**

# ironically mocking (adj)

He was being sarcastic when he told his mom that the burnt cookies she had made looked appetizing.

Your sentence:

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**scoff**

## mock or ridicule (v)

When her mother told her to turn off the TV and do her homework, Jessica scoffed and said that watching the show was her homework for acting class.

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**secure**

# safe from harm; firmly attached (adj)

When Juan was a young boy he was afraid of the dark, but his teddy bear always made him feel secure.

Your sentence:

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**serene**

# completely calm; clear (adj)

Angie felt serene as she meditated next to a quiet mountain stream, far away from the city.

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**skeptic**

# someone who doubts (n)

Naoko was a well-known skeptic because she never trusted the articles in the newspaper.

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**sloth**

## **inactivity, laziness (n)**

The cold weather inclined her towards sloth, so she skipped her usual jog.

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**sly**

# sneaky or mischievous (adj)

She took a sly bite of cake, knowing that she wasn't supposed to eat dessert before dinner.

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**sporadic**

# occurring at irregular intervals (adj)

The rainfall in the desert was sporadic, only occurring a few times per year.

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**stifle**

## suppress or stop (v)

She didn't want to disrupt the minute of silence, so she made her best effort to stifle her cough.

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**subtle**

## difficult to notice or describe (adj)

There were only subtle differences between the identical twins.

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**sympathize**

## feel sorry for (v)

It was not difficult to sympathize with the flood victims.

Your sentence:

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**tact**

# the ability to act or speak without offending others (n)

He presented his argument with such tact  
that both sides agreed with him.

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**tentative**

## not certain (adj)

He made tentative plans with Jessica, hoping that he would get the day off of work.

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**timid**

## shy (adj)

He was very timid in approaching his teacher for an extension on his homework because he was worried she wouldn't give him one.

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**tolerance**

# open-mindedness; endurance (n)

The bacteria have a high tolerance for variations in temperature.

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**unconventional**

## out of the ordinary (adj)

She was sad to dye her pink hair back to black, but her new boss frowned on unconventional hair colors.

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**uniform**

## the same (adj)

Every window in the apartment is a uniform width.

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**universal**

## the same for all cases (adj)

It is considered a universal rule at the school that all students must wear black shoes.

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**vendetta**

## grudge (n)

The Smith family had a vendetta against the Jones family because of a land dispute between their great grandparents.

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**vital**

# **extremely important; energetic (adj)**

Protecting our rivers and oceans is essential because water is such a vital resource.

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**vivid**

# powerful, clear (adj)

Her dream was so vivid it felt real.

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**vulnerable**

## **open to attack or harm (adj)**

In self-defense classes you learn to shield your neck, which is one of the most vulnerable parts of the body.

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**wicked**

## evil or wrong (adj)

The wicked witch cast spells on everyone she didn't like.

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