Word Quest 2

List 15 · Talking and language

Vocabulary and example	Write it

accent n. /ˈæksənt/

the way people from one place pronounce words

Family: accents **Use it with:** a strong accent · an American accent

My cousin from Sichuan has a lovely **accent**.

aloud adv. /əˈlaʊd/

in a voice that others can hear

Use it with: read aloud · think aloud **Tip:** Aloud and "out loud" mean the same.

Please read the first paragraph **aloud**.

blame v./n. /bleɪm/

to say that someone is responsible for something bad

Family: blames · blamed **Use it with:** blame someone for · take the blame

Don't **blame** me! I didn't break it.

claim v./n. /kleɪm/

to say something is true, without proof

Family: claims · claimed **Use it with:** claim to be · make a claim

He **claims** he can speak five languages.

code n. /kəʊd/

a system of signs or words for sending secret messages; also, computer instructions

Family: codes · coded **Use it with:** a secret code · write code · dress code

We wrote messages to each other in a secret **code**.

communicate v. /kəˈmjuːnɪkeɪt/

to share ideas or information with others

Family: communicates · communicated · communication (n.) **Use it with:** communicate with · communicate clearly

Dolphins **communicate** with whistles and clicks.

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complain v. /kəmˈpleɪn/

to say you are unhappy about something

Family: complains · complained · complaint (n.) **Use it with:** complain about · complain to

My brother always **complains** about the food.

define v. /dɪˈfaɪn/

to say exactly what a word means

Family: defines · defined · definition (n.) **Use it with:** define a word · clearly defined

Can you **define** "happiness" in one sentence?
"happiness"

disagree v. /ˌdɪsəˈgriː/

to have a different opinion

Family: disagrees · disagreed · disagreement (n.) **Use it with:** disagree with · strongly disagree

I **disagree**: I think cats are smarter than dogs.

fluent adj. /ˈfluːənt/

able to speak a language easily and well

Family: fluently (adv.) · fluency (n.) **Use it with:** fluent in · fluent English

After two years in London, she was **fluent** in English.

gossip n./v. /ˈgɒsɪp/

talk about other people's private lives

Family: gossips · gossiped **Use it with:** gossip about · a piece of gossip

Don't believe all the **gossip** you hear in the canteen.

inform v. /ɪnˈfɔːm/

to tell someone facts officially

Family: informs · informed · information (n.) **Use it with:** inform someone of/about

The school **informed** parents about the new rules.

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insist v. /ɪn'sɪst/

to say firmly that something must happen or is true

Family: insists · insisted **Use it with:** insist on · insist that **Tip:** Insist on + -ing: He insisted on paying.

My mum **insisted** that I wear a coat.

instructions n. /ɪn'strʌkʃnz/

words that tell you how to do something

Family: instruct (v.) **Use it with:** follow the instructions · give instructions

Read the **instructions** before you start the test.

issue n. /'ɪʃu:/

an important topic or problem

Family: issues **Use it with:** a serious issue · deal with an issue

Pollution is a big **issue** in many cities.

label n./v. /'leɪbl/

a piece of paper on something that gives information about it

Family: labels · labelled **Use it with:** a price label · label something

Check the **label** to see how much sugar is in it.

praise v./n. /preɪz/

to say that someone has done something well

Family: praises · praised **Use it with:** praise someone for · high praise

The coach **praised** us for working as a team.

pronounce v. /prə'naʊns/

to say a word in the correct way

Family: pronounces · pronounced · pronunciation (n.) **Use it with:** pronounce correctly **Tip:** Noun spelling: pronunciation (no "o" after the first n).

How do you **pronounce** this word?

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recommend v. /ˌrekəˈmend/

to tell someone that something is good

Family: recommends · recommended · recommendation (n.) **Use it with:** highly recommend **Tip:** One “c”, two “m”s.

Can you **recommend** a good book?

refer v. /rɪˈfɜː/

to talk about or mention someone or something

Family: refers · referred · reference (n.) **Use it with:** refer to

When I said “the clever one”, I was **referring** to you.
“the clever one”

scream v./n. /skriːm/

to shout very loudly in a high voice

Family: screams · screamed **Use it with:** scream with · scream for help

Everyone **screamed** on the roller coaster.

signal n./v. /ˈsɪgnl/

a sign or sound that gives a message

Family: signals · signalled **Use it with:** a phone signal · give a signal · traffic signal

There’s no phone **signal** in the mountains.

state v./n. /steɪt/

to say something clearly and formally

Family: states · stated · statement (n.) **Use it with:** state clearly · a state of mind **Tip:** As a noun, “state” also means a country or part of one (like Texas).

Please **state** your name and class.

suggest v. /səˈdʒest/

to give an idea for someone to think about

Family: suggests · suggested · suggestion (n.) **Use it with:** suggest doing · suggest that **Tip:** Say “suggest doing” or “suggest that…”, not “suggest to do”.

I **suggest** we go to the park; it’s sunny.

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survey n./v. /ˈsɜːveɪ/

questions you ask many people to learn what they think

Family: surveys · surveyed **Use it with:** do a survey · carry out a survey

We did a **survey** of what our classmates eat for breakfast.

term n. /tɜːm/

a word with a special meaning; also, part of a school year

Family: terms **Use it with:** a technical term · in terms of · the spring term

"Photosynthesis" is a science **term**.

"Photosynthesis"

warn v. /wɔːn/

to tell someone about a danger

Family: warns · warned · warning (n.) **Use it with:** warn someone about · warn someone not to

The sign **warned** us about falling rocks.

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