Word Quest 2

List 24 · Describing things 2

Vocabulary and example	Write it

giant adj./n. /ˈdʒaɪənt/

very big; or a very big person in stories

Family: giants **Use it with:** a giant panda · a giant step

There's a **giant** teddy bear in the shop window.

hidden adj. /ˈhɪdn/

that cannot be seen or found easily

Family: hide (v.) **Use it with:** a hidden message · hidden away

We found a **hidden** path behind the waterfall.

horrible adj. /ˈhɒrɪbl/

very bad or unpleasant

Family: horribly (adv.) **Use it with:** a horrible smell · horrible weather

The medicine tasted **horrible**.

ideal adj. /aɪˈdɪəl/

perfect; the best possible

Family: ideally (adv.) **Use it with:** ideal for · the ideal place

A sunny Sunday is **ideal** for a picnic.

improve v. /ɪmˈpruːv/

to make or become better

Family: improves · improved · improvement (n.) **Use it with:** improve your skills · greatly improve

My English has **improved** a lot this year.

key adj. /kiː/

very important

Use it with: a key point · key to success **Tip:** As a noun, a key opens a lock.

Sleep is a **key** part of staying healthy.

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layer n. /ˈleɪə/

an amount of something that covers a surface, often one of several

Family: layers **Use it with:** a layer of · a thin layer

The cake has three **layers** of chocolate.

loose adj. /luːs/

not tight; not fixed firmly

Family: looser · loosely (adv.) **Use it with:** loose clothes · come loose **Tip:** One "o" in "lose" (verb); two in "loose" (adjective).

One of my teeth is **loose**.

mix v./n. /mɪks/

to put different things together

Family: mixes · mixed · mixture (n.) **Use it with:** mix with · mix up

Mix the flour and the eggs in a bowl.

narrow adj. /ˈnærəʊ/

not wide

Family: narrower **Use it with:** a narrow road · a narrow escape

The street was so **narrow** that cars couldn't pass.

necessary adj. /ˈnesɪsəri/

needed

Family: necessarily (adv.) **Use it with:** if necessary · necessary for **Tip:** One "c", double "s".

Is it **necessary** to bring a jacket?

odd adj. /ɒd/

strange or unusual; also, (of numbers) 1, 3, 5, 7

Family: odder · oddly (adv.) **Use it with:** odd numbers · an odd feeling

It's **odd** that he didn't say hello.

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opposite adj./prep./n. /ˈɒpəzɪt/

completely different; or facing someone across a space

Use it with: the opposite of · on the opposite side

The shop is **opposite** the bank.

pale adj. /peɪl/

light in colour; or (of a face) whiter than usual

Family: paler **Use it with:** pale blue · go pale

You look **pale**. Are you OK?

plain adj. /pleɪn/

simple, with no decoration

Family: plainly (adv.) **Use it with:** plain white · plain rice

I prefer **plain** T-shirts with no pictures.

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pole n. /pəʊl/

a long thin stick; also, the north or south end of the Earth

Family: poles · polar (adj.) **Use it with:** the North Pole · a flag pole

The flag hung from a tall **pole**.

positive adj. /ˈpɒzɪtɪv/

hopeful and confident; also, sure

Family: positively (adv.) **Use it with:** a positive attitude · be positive about

Try to stay **positive**: you'll pass next time.

proper adj. /ˈprɒpə/

right, correct or real

Family: properly (adv.) **Use it with:** a proper meal · the proper way

Eat a **proper** breakfast, not just a biscuit.

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