Word Quest 2

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Vocabulary and example	Write it

quality n. /ˈkwɒlɪti/

how good or bad something is

Family: qualities **Use it with:** high quality · good quality

These shoes are expensive, but the **quality** is excellent.

rough adj. /rʌf/

not smooth; also, not exact

Family: rougher · roughly (adv.) **Use it with:** rough skin · a rough idea · a rough day

The cat's tongue feels **rough**.

ruin v. /ˈruːɪn/

to destroy or spoil something completely

Family: ruins · ruined **Use it with:** ruin a day · ruin everything

The rain **ruined** our picnic.

silent adj. /ˈsaɪlənt/

with no sound; not talking

Family: silently (adv.) · silence (n.) **Use it with:** go silent · remain silent · a silent film

The classroom went **silent** when the head teacher walked in.

similar adj. /ˈsɪmɪlə/

almost the same

Family: similarly (adv.) · similarity (n.) **Use it with:** similar to · very similar

My sister and I have **similar** voices.

smooth adj. /smuːð/

flat and even, with no rough parts

Family: smoother · smoothly (adv.) **Use it with:** a smooth surface · go smoothly **Tip:** Go smoothly means happen with no problems.

The baby's skin is so **smooth**.

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source n. /sɔːs/

where something comes from

Family: sources **Use it with:** a source of · energy source

The sun is our main **source** of energy.

sticky adj. /ˈstɪki/

covered with something like glue or honey that holds on to things

Family: stickier · stick (v.) **Use it with:** sticky hands · sticky rice **Tip:** Sticky rice ( ) is used in zongzi.

My fingers are **sticky** from the candy.

strange adj. /streɪndʒ/

unusual or surprising

Family: stranger · strangely (adv.) **Use it with:** a strange feeling · how strange **Tip:** As a noun, a "stranger" is a person you don't know.

I heard a **strange** noise in the night.

stripe n. /straɪp/

a long thin line of colour

Family: stripes · striped (adj.) **Use it with:** red stripes · a striped shirt

A zebra has black and white **stripes**.

tight adj. /taɪt/

fitting closely; also, firmly held

Family: tighter · tightly (adv.) **Use it with:** tight shoes · hold tight

These jeans are too **tight**.

tough adj. /tʌf/

difficult; also, strong

Family: tougher **Use it with:** a tough question · tough times · a tough guy **Tip:** Pronounced "tuff".

The exam was really **tough**.

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typical adj. /ˈtɪpɪkl/

usual for a particular person or thing

Family: typically (adv.) **Use it with:** typical of · a typical day

Rice and noodles are **typical** food in China.

upper adj. /ˈʌpə/

higher; at the top

Use it with: upper floor · the upper class

I have a small cut on my **upper** lip.

urgent adj. /ˈɜːdʒənt/

needing to be done immediately

Family: urgently (adv.) · urgency (n.) **Use it with:** an urgent call · urgent help

This message is **urgent**: please call back.

weird adj. /wɪəd/

very strange

Family: weirder · weirdly (adv.) **Use it with:** weird food · a weird dream **Tip:** Informal. Spelling: “ei”, not “ie”.

My brother has a **weird** habit: he eats rice with ketchup.

within prep. /wɪˈðɪn/

inside a period of time or space

Use it with: within a week · within walking distance

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