Word Quest 3

List 21 · Describing things 2

Vocabulary and example	Write it

dense adj. /dens/

thick and difficult to see or move through; with many things close together

Family: denser · density (n.) **Use it with:** dense fog · dense forest

We got lost in the **dense** forest.

disadvantage n. /ˌdɪsəd'væntɪdʒ/

something that makes a situation worse

Family: disadvantages **Use it with:** at a disadvantage

The **disadvantage** of living in the city is the noise.

disgusting adj. /dɪs'gʌstɪŋ/

very unpleasant

Family: disgust (n./v.)

The fish market smelled **disgusting** in the heat.

dull adj. /dʌl/

boring; also, not bright

Family: duller **Use it with:** a dull colour · a dull day

The film was so **dull** that I fell asleep.

dye n./v. /daɪ/

a substance used to change the colour of hair or cloth

Family: dyes · dyed **Use it with:** hair dye **Tip:** Don't confuse with "die" (stop living).

She **dyed** her hair purple.

ease n./v. /iːz/

without difficulty

Family: eases · eased **Use it with:** with ease · at ease

She won the race with **ease**.

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effective adj. /ɪ'fektɪv/

working well and giving the result you want

Family: effectively (adv.) **Use it with:** an effective way

This medicine is very **effective**.

enormous adj. /ɪ'nɔːməs/

very, very big

Family: enormously (adv.)

Blue whales are **enormous**.

essential adj. /ɪ'senʃl/

very important and necessary

Family: essentially (adv.) **Use it with:** essential for

Water is **essential** for life.

exhausting adj. /eg'zɔːstɪŋ/

making you very tired

Family: exhausted (adj.) · exhaust (v.) **Tip:** Exhausted is how you feel; "exhausting" is what makes you feel that way.

The ten-hour journey was **exhausting**.

fabulous adj. /'fæbjoləs/

extremely good

Family: fabulously (adv.)

You look **fabulous** in that dress!

fade v. /feɪd/

to slowly become less bright or strong

Family: fades · faded **Use it with:** fade away

My jeans **faded** after many washes.

Vocabulary and example	Write it

fancy adj./v. /ˈfænsi/

expensive and decorated; also, to want

Family: fancier · fancied **Use it with:** fancy dress **Tip:** Fancy dress means a costume party (British).

We ate at a **fancy** restaurant for Mum's birthday.

feature n./v. /ˈfiːtʃə/

an important part or quality

Family: features · featured **Use it with:** a key feature

The best **feature** of this phone is the camera.

firm adj./n. /fɜːm/

strong and not soft; also, a company

Family: firmer · firmly (adv.) **Use it with:** a firm handshake · a law firm

The bed is quite **firm**.

flaw n. /flɔː/

a mistake or weakness

Family: flaws · flawless (adj.)

The plan has one big **flaw**: it costs too much.

gorgeous adj. /ˈgɔːdʒəs/

very beautiful

Family: gorgeously (adv.)

What a **gorgeous** sunset!

grand adj. /grænd/

large and impressive

Family: grander **Use it with:** a grand opening · grand piano

The hotel had a **grand** staircase.

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Vocabulary and example	Write it

gross adj. /grəʊs/

very unpleasant (informal); also, total, before taxes

Family: grosser

Ew, that's **gross**! There's a hair in my soup.