Word Quest 3

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Vocabulary and example	Write it

private adj. /ˈpraɪvət/

for one person or group only; not public

Family: privately (adv.) · privacy (n.) **Use it with:** a private school · private life

This is a **private** beach: no visitors.

pure adj. /pjʊə/

not mixed with anything else; clean

Family: purer · purely (adv.) **Use it with:** pure gold · pure luck

This bottle contains **pure** water from the mountains.

rear adj./n. /rɪə/

at the back

Use it with: the rear seat · at the rear

Please exit through the **rear** door.

ridiculous adj. /rɪˈdɪkjʊləs/

very silly; deserving to be laughed at

Family: ridiculously (adv.)

That hat looks **ridiculous**!

rod n. /rɒd/

a long thin stick or bar

Family: rods **Use it with:** a fishing rod

Grandpa sat by the river with his fishing **rod**.

separate adj./v. /ˈsepəreɪt/

not joined; or to divide

Family: separates · separated · separately (adv.) **Use it with:** separate from **Tip:** Adjective ends "-rate" said "rit"; verb said "rate".

Keep raw meat **separate** from vegetables.

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silence n. /ˈsaɪləns/

when there is no sound

Family: silent (adj.) **Use it with:** in silence · break the silence

There was complete **silence** in the exam room.

specific adj. /spəˈsɪfɪk/

exact; one particular

Family: specifically (adv.) **Use it with:** a specific time

Can you give me a **specific** example?

spectacular adj. /spekˈtækjʊlə/

very exciting and impressive to look at

Family: spectacularly (adv.) **Use it with:** a spectacular view

The fireworks were **spectacular**.

structure n. /ˈstrʌktʃə/

the way parts are put together; also, a building

Family: structures **Use it with:** the structure of

The **structure** of the bridge is very strong.

surface n. /ˈsɜːfɪs/

the outside or top layer of something

Family: surfaces **Use it with:** on the surface

The **surface** of the lake was like glass.

terrific adj. /təˈrɪfɪk/

very good

Family: terrifically (adv.) **Tip:** Not the same as “terrible” or “terrifying”.

You did a **terrific** job!

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tip n. /tɪp/

the pointed end of something; also, a piece of advice; also, extra money for a waiter

Family: tips · tipped **Use it with:** the tip of my tongue · leave a tip

Here's a **tip**: study a little every day.

traditional adj. /trəˈdɪʃənl/

following old customs

Family: traditionally (adv.) · tradition (n.) **Use it with:** traditional food

We wore **traditional** clothes for the festival.

underneath prep./adv. /ˌʌndəˈniːθ/

under something

The cat is hiding **underneath** the bed.

unfortunate adj. /ʌnˈfɔːtʃənət/

unlucky; sad

Family: unfortunately (adv.)

It's **unfortunate** that you missed the bus.

variety n. /vəˈraɪəti/

many different kinds

Family: varieties · various (adj.) **Use it with:** a variety of · a wide variety

The shop sells a **variety** of teas.

vast adj. /væst/

extremely large

Family: vastly (adv.) **Use it with:** a vast area

The Gobi is a **vast** desert.

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wavy adj. /ˈweɪvi/

with curves like waves

Family: wavier · wave (n.) **Use it with:** wavy lines

She has long, **wavy** hair.

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