Word Quest 4

List 10 · Talking and language

Vocabulary and example	Write it

accuse v. /əˈkjuːz/

to say that someone did something wrong

Family: accuses · accused · accusation (n.) **Use it with:** accuse someone of

She **accused** her brother of eating her chocolate.

assure v. /əˈʃʊə/

to tell someone something firmly so they stop worrying

Family: assures · assured · assurance (n.)

I **assure** you the dog is friendly.

chatter v./n. /ˈtʃætə/

to talk quickly about unimportant things

Family: chatters · chattered

The girls **chattered** all the way home.

commit v. /kəˈmɪt/

to do something wrong or illegal; also, to promise

Family: commits · committed · commitment (n.) **Use it with:** commit a crime · commit to

He **committed** a crime.

confess v. /kənˈfes/

to admit that you did something wrong

Family: confesses · confessed · confession (n.) **Use it with:** confess to

He **confessed** that he broke the window.

consult v. /kənˈsʌlt/

to ask someone or look in a book for advice

Family: consults · consulted **Use it with:** consult a dictionary

Consult a doctor if the pain continues.

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convey v. /kənˈveɪ/

to express a feeling or idea

Family: conveys · conveyed

Music can **convey** emotions without words.

debate n./v. /dɪˈbeɪt/

a formal discussion where people give different opinions

Family: debates · debated

We had a class **debate** about school uniforms.

declare v. /dɪˈkleə/

to say something officially or firmly

Family: declares · declared · declaration (n.)

The country **declared** independence in 1945.

1945

decline v./n. /dɪˈklaɪn/

to say no politely; also, to become less

Family: declines · declined **Use it with:** a decline in

She **declined** the invitation.

dispute n./v. /dɪˈspjuːt/

a disagreement or argument

Family: disputes · disputed

The neighbours had a **dispute** about the fence.

explicit adj. /ekˈsplɪsɪt/

very clear and direct

Family: explicitly (adv.)

The rules are **explicit**: no phones in class.

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expose v. /ek'spəʊz/

to show something that was hidden

Family: exposes · exposed · exposure (n.) **Use it with:** expose to

The newspaper **exposed** the company's lies.

factual adj. /'fæktʃuːəl/

based on facts

Family: factually (adv.)

The report is **factual**, not an opinion.

farewell n. /feə'wel/

goodbye

Family: farewells **Use it with:** a farewell party

We had a **farewell** party for our teacher.

indicate v. /'ɪndɪkeɪt/

to show or point to something

Family: indicates · indicated · indication (n.)

The sign **indicates** the way to the exit.

inquire v. /ɪn'kwaɪə/

to ask for information

Family: inquires · inquired · inquiry (n.) **Use it with:** inquire about **Tip:** British English also writes "enquire".

I'm calling to **inquire** about the job.

insult v./n. /'ɪnsʌlt/

to say something rude to hurt someone

Family: insults · insulted

He **insulted** my cooking.

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justify v. /'dʒʌstɪfaɪ/

to give a good reason for something

Family: justifies · justified

Can you **justify** spending so much money?

notify v. /'nəʊtɪfaɪ/

to tell someone officially

Family: notifies · notified · notification (n.)

Please **notify** the school if you're ill.

propose v. /prə'pəʊz/

to suggest a plan; also, to ask someone to marry you

Family: proposes · proposed · proposal (n.)

I **propose** that we meet on Saturday.

quote v./n. /kwəʊt/

to repeat someone's exact words

Family: quotes · quoted · quotation (n.)

Can I **quote** you on that?

remark n./v. /rɪ'mɑːk/

something you say

Family: remarks · remarked

He made a funny **remark** about my hat.

reveal v. /rɪ'viːl/

to show something that was secret

Family: reveals · revealed

The magician **revealed** his trick.

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riddle n. /ˈrɪdl/

a question that is like a puzzle

Family: riddles

Here's a **riddle**: what has keys but no locks?

rumor n. /ˈruːmə/

a story that people tell but may not be true

Family: rumors **Tip:** American spelling; British English writes "rumour".

There's a **rumor** that our teacher is leaving.

specify v. /ˈspesɪfaɪ/

to say exactly

Family: specifies · specified · specific (adj.)

Please **specify** your size: S, M or L.

S、M L

swear v. /sweə/

to promise; also, to use rude words

Family: swears · swore · sworn **Use it with:** swear to

I **swear** I didn't touch your phone!

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