Word Quest 4

List 20 · Describing things 1

Vocabulary and example	Write it
abnormal adj. /əb'nɔ:ml/ different from what is usual, in a worrying way **Family:** abnormally (adv.) The doctor found something **abnormal** in the X-ray. X	
absence n. /'æbsəns/ not being in a place **Family:** absences · absent (adj.) **Use it with:** in the absence of Your **absence** from class was noticed.	
absurd adj. /əb'sɜ:d/ completely silly and unreasonable **Family:** absurdly (adv.) It's **absurd** to wear a coat in summer.	
adequate adj. /'ædɪkwət/ enough; good enough **Family:** adequately (adv.) The food was **adequate**, but not great.	
apparent adj. /ə'pærənt/ easy to see or understand; also, seeming **Family:** apparently (adv.) **Tip:** Apparently means "I've heard that…". It was **apparent** that he was tired.	
aspect n. /'æspekt/ one part or side of something **Family:** aspects Money is one **aspect** of the problem.	

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beneath prep. /bɪˈniːθ/

under; below

Tip: More formal than "under".

The cat slept **beneath** the table.

bizarre adj. /bɪˈzɑː/

very strange

Family: bizarrely (adv.)

He has a **bizarre** habit of eating ice cream with chilli.

blurred adj. /blɜːd/

not clear

Family: blur (v./n.) **Use it with:** blurred vision

The photo is **blurred**.

casual adj. /ˈkæʒuːəl/

relaxed; not formal

Family: casually (adv.) **Use it with:** casual clothes

You can wear **casual** clothes on Friday.

chaotic adj. /keɪˈɒtɪk/

in a state of complete confusion

Family: chaos (n.)

The first day of school was **chaotic**.

compose v. /kəmˈpəʊz/

to write music or a poem; also, to make up

Family: composes · composed · composer (n.) **Use it with:** be composed of

Mozart **composed** his first music at five.

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contrary n./adj. /ˈkɒntrəri/

the opposite

Use it with: on the contrary · contrary to

On the **contrary**, I loved the film!

contrast n./v. /ˈkɒntræst/

a big difference between two things

Family: contrasts · contrasted **Use it with:** in contrast **Tip:** Stress: noun CON-trast; verb con-TRAST.

There's a big **contrast** between city and village life.

convert v. /kənˈvɜːt/

to change from one form to another

Family: converts · converted · conversion (n.) **Use it with:** convert into

Solar panels **convert** sunlight into electricity.

crucial adj. /ˈkruːʃl/

extremely important

Family: crucially (adv.)

Sleep is **crucial** before an exam.

decent adj. /ˈdiːsənt/

good enough; also, honest and kind

Family: decently (adv.) **Use it with:** a decent meal

He's a **decent** man.

defect n. /ˈdiːfekt/

a fault in something

Family: defects · defective (adj.)

The phone had a **defect**, so they changed it.

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delicate adj. /ˈdelɪkət/

easily damaged; also, fine and beautiful

Family: delicately (adv.)

Be careful with that **delicate** glass.

differ v. /ˈdɪfə/

to be unlike each other; not to be the same

Family: differs · differed · difference (n.) **Use it with:** differ from

Our opinions **differ**.

distinct adj. /dɪˈstɪŋkt/

clearly different or easy to notice

Family: distinctly (adv.) · distinction (n.)

There's a **distinct** smell of smoke.

diverse adj. /daɪˈvɜːs/

including many different kinds

Family: diversity (n.)

Our city is very **diverse**.

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