Word Quest 4

List 21 · Describing things 2

Vocabulary and example	Write it
dominant adj. /ˈdɒmɪnənt/ most important, strongest or most noticeable **Family:** dominate (v.) Red is the **dominant** colour in the painting.	
drawback n. /ˈdrɔːbæk/ a disadvantage or problem **Family:** drawbacks The only **drawback** of the flat is the noise.	
elastic adj./n. /ɪˈlæstɪk/ able to stretch and go back to its shape **Family:** elasticity (n.) **Use it with:** an elastic band The trousers have an **elastic** waist.	
elegant adj. /ˈelɪgənt/ beautiful in a simple, stylish way **Family:** elegantly (adv.) · elegance (n.) She wore an **elegant** black dress.	
enhance v. /enˈhæns/ to make something better **Family:** enhances · enhanced Good lighting **enhances** a photo.	
evident adj. /ˈevɪdənt/ clear and easy to see **Family:** evidently (adv.) · evidence (n.) It was **evident** that she had been crying.	

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evolve v. /ɪ'vɒlv/

to change slowly over a long time

Family: evolves · evolved · evolution (n.)

Birds **evolved** from dinosaurs.

exotic adj. /eg'zɒtɪk/

unusual and exciting because it comes from far away

We ate **exotic** fruits in Thailand.

exterior n./adj. /ek'stɪərɪə/

the outside of something

Tip: Opposite: interior.

The **exterior** of the building is painted white.

external adj. /ek'stɜːnl/

coming from or on the outside

Family: externally (adv.) **Tip:** Opposite: internal.

This cream is for **external** use only.

flexible adj. /'fleksɪbl/

able to bend easily; also, able to change

Family: flexibility (n.)

My working hours are **flexible**.

foreign adj. /'fɒrən/

from another country

Family: foreigner (n.) **Use it with:** foreign language

Do you speak any **foreign** languages?

fragile adj. /'frædʒaɪl/

easily broken

Family: fragility (n.)

Be careful: the box is **fragile**.

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genuine adj. /ˈdʒenjuːɪn/

real; not fake

Family: genuinely (adv.)

Is this a **genuine** diamond?

intense adj. /ɪnˈtens/

very strong

Family: intensely (adv.) · intensity (n.)

The heat was **intense**.

interior n./adj. /ɪnˈtɪərɪə/

the inside of something

Use it with: interior design

The car's **interior** is very clean.

internal adj. /ɪnˈtɜːnl/

inside something

Family: internally (adv.) **Use it with:** internal organs

The phone has an **internal** battery.

invalid adj. /ɪnˈvælɪd/

not legally or officially acceptable

Tip: Stress: in-VAL-id. ("IN-va-lid" is an old word for a sick person.)

Your ticket is **invalid**: it's expired.

leading adj. /ˈliːdɪŋ/

most important or successful

Family: lead (v.)

She's a **leading** expert on pandas.

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maintain v. /meɪn'teɪn/ to keep something in good condition; also, to say firmly **Family:** maintains · maintained · maintenance (n.) It's expensive to **maintain** an old car.	
modify v. /'mɒdɪfaɪ/ to change something a little **Family:** modifies · modified · modification (n.) We **modified** the plan.	
moist adj. /mɔɪst/ slightly wet **Family:** moister · moisture (n.) The cake is soft and **moist**.	

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