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. /ɪˈvɒlv/

to change slowly over a long time

Family: evolves · evolved · evolution (n.)

Birds **evolved** from dinosaurs.

exotic adj. /ɛgˈzɒtɪk/

unusual and exciting because it comes from far away

We ate **exotic** fruits in Thailand.

exterior n./adj. /ɛkˈstɪərɪə/

the outside of something

Tip: Opposite: interior.

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

external adj. /ɛkˈstɜːnl/

coming from or on the outside

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

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

flexible adj. /ˈfleksɪbl/

able to bend easily; also, able to change

Family: flexibility (n.)

My working hours are **flexible**.

foreign adj. /ˈfɒrən/

from another country

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

Do you speak any **foreign** languages?

fragile adj. /ˈfrædʒaɪl/

easily broken

Family: fragility (n.)

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

Vocabulary and example	Write it

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. /meɪnˈteɪn/

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. /ˈmɒdɪfaɪ/

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**.