# Word Quest 4

List 22 · Describing things 3

| Vocabulary and example | Write it |
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**overlap** v./n. /ˌəʊvəˈlæp/

to cover part of the same space or subject

**Family:** overlaps · overlapped

Our holidays **overlap** by three days.

**paste** n./v. /peɪst/

a soft wet mixture; also, to stick or to put copied text

**Family:** pastes · pasted **Use it with:** copy and paste · toothpaste

**Paste** the picture into your notebook.

**prime** adj. /praɪm/

most important; also, of the best quality

**Use it with:** prime minister · prime time

Health is our **prime** concern.

**radical** adj. /ˈrædɪkl/

very new and different; also, extreme

**Family:** radically (adv.)

The new coach made **radical** changes.

**random** adj. /ˈrændəm/

happening or chosen without a plan

**Family:** randomly (adv.) **Use it with:** at random

The computer picks a **random** number.

**remote** adj. /rɪˈməʊt/

far away from towns; also, small

**Family:** remotely (adv.) **Use it with:** remote control

They live in a **remote** village in the mountains.



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**revise** v. /rɪˈvaɪz/

to change something to improve it; also, (British) to study for an exam

**Family:** revises · revised · revision (n.)

I need to **revise** my essay.

**severe** adj. /sɪˈvɪə/

very bad or serious

**Family:** severely (adv.)

The storm caused **severe** damage.

**shallow** adj. /ˈʃæləʊ/

not deep

**Family:** shallower

The children played in the **shallow** water.

**sphere** n. /sfɪə/

a round shape like a ball

**Family:** spheres

The Earth is almost a perfect **sphere**.

**spiral** n./adj. /ˈspaɪərəl/

a shape that goes round and round a centre, getting bigger

**Family:** spirals

A **spiral** staircase leads to the top of the tower.

**stable** adj./n. /ˈsteɪbl/

steady and not likely to change; also, a building for horses

**Family:** stability (n.)

The patient is now in a **stable** condition.

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**steady** adj. /ˈstedi/

firm and not shaking; also, regular

**Family:** steadier · steadily (adv.)

Hold the ladder **steady**.

**strip** n./v. /strɪp/

a long narrow piece; or to remove a covering

**Family:** strips · stripped

Cut the paper into thin **strips**.

**stuffed** adj. /stʌft/

filled with something; also, very full after eating

**Family:** stuff (v.) **Use it with:** I'm stuffed!

We had **stuffed** peppers for dinner.

**swell** v. /swel/

to become bigger

**Family:** swells · swelled · swollen

My ankle **swelled** up after I fell.

**texture** n. /ˈtekstʃə/

how something feels when you touch it

**Family:** textures

Silk has a smooth **texture**.

**trend** n. /trend/

a general change or new fashion

**Family:** trends · trendy (adj.)

Short videos are a big **trend**.

**upright** adj./adv. /ˈʌpraɪt/

standing straight up

Keep your seat **upright** during landing.



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**winding** adj. /ˈwaɪndɪŋ/

with many bends

**Family:** wind (v.) **Tip:** Pronounced WINE-ding.

We drove up a **winding** mountain road.

**worsen** v. /ˈwɜːsn/

to become worse

**Family:** worsens · worsened

The weather **worsened** in the afternoon.