Word Quest 5

List 9 · Talking and language 2

Vocabulary and example	Write it
invoke v. /ɪn'vəʊk/ to mention a law, rule or idea to support what you do **Family:** invokes · invoked He **invoked** his right to stay silent.	
messenger n. /'mesɪndʒə/ a person who carries messages **Family:** messengers The king sent a **messenger** with the news.	
oath n. /əʊθ/ a serious promise **Family:** oaths **Use it with:** take an oath The new president took the **oath** of office.	
overview n. /'əʊvəvjuː/ a short general description **Family:** overviews The teacher gave us an **overview** of the course.	
plea n. /pliː/ a strong, emotional request **Family:** pleas She made a **plea** for help.	
plead v. /pliːd/ to ask for something in a strong, emotional way **Family:** pleads · pleaded **Use it with:** plead with · plead guilty He **pleaded** with his parents to let him go.	

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pledge n./v. /pledʒ/

a serious promise

Family: pledges · pledged **Use it with:** make a pledge

We **pledged** to reduce plastic waste.

probe v./n. /prəʊb/

to ask questions to find out the truth; also, a tool to explore

Family: probes · probed **Use it with:** a space probe

The police are **probing** the cause of the fire.

reference n. /'refrəns/

mentioning something; also, a letter about you from a former employer

Family: references · refer (v.) **Use it with:** with reference to

She made a **reference** to her childhood.

scold v. /skəʊld/

to speak angrily to someone, especially a child

Family: scolds · scolded

Mum **scolded** me for coming home late.

transmit v. /træn'smɪt/

to send a signal or message; also, to spread a disease

Family: transmits · transmitted · transmission (n.)

The radio **transmits** music all day.

urge v./n. /ɜːdʒ/

to strongly advise someone; or a strong wish

Family: urges · urged **Use it with:** an urge to

The doctor **urged** him to stop smoking.

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utter v./adj. /ˈʌtə/ to say something; also, complete **Family:** utters · uttered · utterly (adv.) **Use it with:** utter nonsense He didn't **utter** a word all evening.	
vocal adj. /ˈvəʊkl/ about the voice; also, expressing opinions strongly **Family:** vocally (adv.) **Use it with:** vocal cords She's very **vocal** about animal rights.	
vow n./v. /vaʊ/ a very serious promise **Family:** vows · vowed They made a **vow** to stay friends forever.	

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