Word Quest 5

List 18 · Moving and doing

Vocabulary and example	Write it
accelerate v. /əkˈseləreɪt/ to go faster **Family:** accelerates · accelerated · acceleration (n.) The car **accelerated** onto the motorway.	
circulate v. /ˈsɜːkjʊleɪt/ to move around; also, to pass from person to person **Family:** circulates · circulated · circulation (n.) Blood **circulates** through the body.	
cling v. /klɪŋ/ to hold on tightly **Family:** clings · clung **Use it with:** cling to The baby monkey **clung** to its mother.	
clockwise adv./adj. /ˈklɒkwaɪz/ in the direction a clock's hands move **Tip:** Opposite: anticlockwise (US: counterclockwise). Turn the key **clockwise**.	
cram v. /kræm/ to push too much into a small space; also, to study hard just before an exam **Family:** crams · crammed **Use it with:** cram for an exam I **crammed** all my clothes into one bag.	
distribute v. /ˈdɪstrɪbjuːt/ to give things to many people **Family:** distributes · distributed · distribution (n.) Volunteers **distributed** food to the families.	

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duplicate v./n. /ˈdjuːplɪkeɪt/ to make an exact copy **Family:** duplicates · duplicated Can you **duplicate** this key?	
eliminate v. /ɪˈlɪmɪneɪt/ to remove completely; also, to knock out of a competition **Family:** eliminates · eliminated Our team was **eliminated** in the first round.	
flock n./v. /flɒk/ a group of birds or sheep; or to come together in large numbers **Family:** flocks · flocked Tourists **flock** to the beach in summer.	
fluid n./adj. /ˈfluːɪd/ a liquid; also, smooth and graceful **Family:** fluids Drink plenty of **fluids** when you're ill.	
hack v. /hæk/ to get into a computer system illegally; also, to cut roughly **Family:** hacks · hacked · hacker (n.) Someone **hacked** my email account.	
haste n. /heɪst/ doing something too quickly **Family:** hasty (adj.) **Use it with:** in haste In her **haste**, she forgot her keys.	

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haul v./n. /hɔːl/

to pull something heavy

Family: hauls · hauled

They **hauled** the boat onto the beach.

lag v./n. /læg/

to move more slowly than others

Family: lags · lagged **Use it with:** jet lag

The youngest runner **lagged** behind.

merge v. /mɜːdʒ/

to join together into one

Family: merges · merged · merger (n.)

The two roads **merge** after the bridge.

mimic v. /ˈmɪmɪk/

to copy someone's voice or actions, often to be funny

Family: mimics · mimicked

My parrot can **mimic** the doorbell.

nick v./n. /nɪk/

to cut slightly; also, (informal) to steal

Family: nicks · nicked **Use it with:** in the nick of time **Tip:** In the nick of time means just in time.

I **nicked** my finger with the knife.

peer v./n. /pɪə/

to look carefully; also, a person of the same age

Family: peers · peered **Use it with:** peer pressure

She **peered** through the fog.

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penetrate v. /ˈpenɪtreɪt/

to go into or through something

Family: penetrates · penetrated

The bullet couldn't **penetrate** the wall.

plunge v. /plʌndʒ/

to fall or jump suddenly

Family: plunges · plunged

He **plunged** into the icy lake.

prod v. /prɒd/

to push with a finger or stick

Family: prods · prodded

She **prodded** me to wake me up.

propel v. /prəˈpel/

to push or drive forward

Family: propels · propelled

The wind **propelled** the boat across the lake.

sever v. /ˈsevə/

to cut through completely

Family: severs · severed

The storm **severed** the power lines.

substitute n./v. /ˈsʌbstɪtjuːt/

a person or thing used instead of another

Family: substitutes · substituted

We had a **substitute** teacher today.

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swift adj. /swɪft/

fast

Family: swifter · swiftly (adv.)

The police made a **swift** decision.

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