# Word Quest 5

List 20 · Describing things 2

| Vocabulary and example | Write it |
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**efficient** adj. /ɪ'fɪʃənt/

working well without wasting time or energy

**Family:** efficiently (adv.) · efficiency (n.)

The new train system is very **efficient**.

**elementary** adj. /ˌelɪ'mentəri/

basic and simple; also, for young children

**Use it with:** elementary school

This is an **elementary** maths problem.

**embody** v. /em'bɒdi/

to be a perfect example of an idea or quality

**Family:** embodies · embodied

She **embodies** the spirit of the team.

**exceptional** adj. /ek'sepʃənl/

unusually good

**Family:** exceptionally (adv.) · exception (n.)

She's an **exceptional** student.

**extraordinary** adj. /ek'strɔːdɪnəri/

very unusual or surprising

**Family:** extraordinarily (adv.)

It was an **extraordinary** day.

**fiery** adj. /'faɪəri/

like fire; also, full of strong emotion

**Family:** fire (n.) **Use it with:** a fiery temper

The sky turned a **fiery** red at sunset.



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**filth** n. /fɪlθ/

very bad dirt

**Family:** filthy (adj.)

The old flat was full of **filth**.

**formation** n. /fɔː'meɪʃn/

the way something is made or develops; also, a shape or arrangement

**Family:** formations · form (v.)

Geese fly in a V **formation**.

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**foul** adj./n. /faʊl/

very dirty or unpleasant; also, an action against the rules in sport

**Family:** fouls · fouled

A **foul** smell came from the drain.

**fundamental** adj. /ˌfʌndə'mentl/

basic and very important

**Family:** fundamentally (adv.) · fundamentals (n.)

Reading is a **fundamental** skill.

**gleam** v./n. /gliːm/

to shine softly

**Family:** gleams · gleamed

Her eyes **gleamed** with excitement.

**glory** n. /'glɔːri/

great honour and praise

**Family:** glorious (adj.)

The team returned home in **glory**.

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**grim** adj. /ɡrɪm/

serious and depressing

**Family:** grimmer · grimly (adv.)

The news was **grim**.

**hardy** adj. /ˈhɑːdi/

strong and able to survive difficult conditions

**Family:** hardier

Yaks are **hardy** animals.

**horizontal** adj. /ˌhɒrɪˈzɒntl/

flat, parallel to the ground

**Family:** horizontally (adv.) **Tip:** Opposite: vertical.

Draw a **horizontal** line.

**identical** adj. /aɪˈdentɪkl/

exactly the same

**Family:** identically (adv.) **Use it with:** identical twins

The twins are **identical**.

**impair** v. /ɪmˈpeə/

to damage or weaken

**Family:** impairs · impaired

Loud music can **impair** your hearing.

**intact** adj. /ɪnˈtækt/

not damaged

The vase was **intact** after the fall.

**integrate** v. /ˈɪntɪgreɪt/

to combine things; also, to become part of a group

**Family:** integrates · integrated · integration (n.) **Use it with:** integrate into

It takes time to **integrate** into a new school.



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**magnificent** adj. /mæɡˈnɪfɪsənt/

extremely beautiful and impressive

**Family:** magnificently (adv.)

The palace is **magnificent**.