Word Quest 6

List 1 · Feelings and character 1

Vocabulary and example	Write it

accountable adj. /əˈkaʊntəbl/

responsible for your actions and expected to explain them

Family: accountability (n.) **Use it with:** accountable for/to

Leaders must be **accountable** for their decisions.

appall v. /əˈpɔːl/

to shock someone very much

Family: appalls · appalled · appalling (adj.) **Tip:** British English writes “appal”.

The cruelty of the crime **appalled** everyone.

beloved adj./n. /bɪˈlʌvd/

dearly loved

Tip: Before a noun, often said be-LUV-id.

He wrote a letter to his **beloved** grandmother.

brute n./adj. /bruːt/

a cruel, violent person; also, pure physical strength

Family: brutes · brutal (adj.) **Use it with:** brute force

They opened the door by **brute** force.

compassionate adj. /kəmˈpæʃənət/

feeling sympathy and wanting to help

Family: compassion (n.)

The nurse was kind and **compassionate**.

consistency n. /kənˈsɪstənsi/

always behaving or working in the same way; also, how thick a liquid is

Family: consistent (adj.)

Consistency is the key to learning a language.

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contempt n. /kən'tempt/

a feeling that someone is worthless

Family: contemptuous (adj.)

She looked at the cheater with **contempt**.

credible adj. /'kredɪbl/

able to be believed

Family: credibility (n.)

His story wasn't **credible**.

cynical adj. /'sɪnɪkl/

believing people only care about themselves

Family: cynic (n.) · cynicism (n.)

He's **cynical** about politicians.

deceptive adj. /dɪ'septɪv/

giving a false idea

Family: deceive (v.) · deception (n.)

Appearances can be **deceptive**.

decisive adj. /dɪ'saɪsɪv/

able to make decisions quickly; also, deciding a result

Family: decisively (adv.)

We need a **decisive** leader.

despair n./v. /dɪ'speə/

the feeling of having no hope

Family: despairs · despaired

In **despair**, he sat down and cried.

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diligent adj. /ˈdɪlɪdʒənt/

working hard and carefully

Family: diligently (adv.) · diligence (n.)

She's a **diligent** student.

disgraceful adj. /dɪsˈgreɪsfl/

very bad and shameful

Family: disgrace (n.)

His behaviour was **disgraceful**.

dissatisfy v. /dɪˈsætɪsfaɪ/

to make someone not happy with something

Family: dissatisfies · dissatisfied **Tip:** Usually used as "dissatisfied".

The new rules **dissatisfied** many students.

distress n./v. /dɪˈstres/

great worry or pain

Family: distresses · distressed · distressing (adj.) **Use it with:** in distress

The lost child was in **distress**.

dubious adj. /ˈdjuːbɪəs/

doubtful; probably not honest or true

Family: dubiously (adv.)

The website looked **dubious**.

earnest adj. /ˈɜːnɪst/

very serious and sincere

Family: earnestly (adv.) **Use it with:** in earnest

He made an **earnest** promise.

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emulate v. /ˈemjʊleɪt/

to try to be like someone you admire

Family: emulates · emulated

She tries to **emulate** her older sister.

enchant v. /enˈtʃænt/

to delight; also, to put a magic spell on

Family: enchants · enchanted · enchanting (adj.)

The music **enchanted** the audience.

envious adj. /ˈenvɪəs/

wanting what someone else has

Family: enviously (adv.) · envy (n./v.) **Use it with:** envious of

I'm **envious** of your long holiday.

esteemed adj. /eˈstiːmd/

respected and admired

Family: esteem (n.)

Our **esteemed** guest will speak today.

frantic adj. /ˈfræntɪk/

wild with fear or worry; also, very hurried

Family: frantically (adv.)

She made a **frantic** search for her passport.

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