Word Quest 6

List 20 · Describing things 1

Vocabulary and example	Write it

adjacent adj. /əˈdʒeɪsənt/

next to or near something

Use it with: adjacent to

The school is **adjacent** to the park.

adjoin v. /əˈdʒɔɪn/

to be next to and joined to

Family: adjoins · adjoined · adjoining (adj.)

The kitchen **adjoins** the dining room.

adverse adj. /ædˈvɜːs/

bad or harmful

Family: adversely (adv.) **Use it with:** adverse weather

The medicine has no **adverse** effects.

ambiguous adj. /æmˈbɪgjuːəs/

having more than one possible meaning

Family: ambiguously (adv.) · ambiguity (n.)

The question was **ambiguous**.

analogous adj. /əˈnæləgəs/

similar in some way

Family: analogy (n.) **Use it with:** analogous to

The heart is **analogous** to a pump.

applicable adj. /əˈplɪkəbl/

relevant to a person or situation

Family: apply (v.) **Tip:** Not applicable (N/A) on forms means the question doesn't fit you.

This rule is **applicable** to all students.

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arbitrary adj. /ˈɑːbɪtrəri/

chosen without reason or a system

Family: arbitrarily (adv.)

The rules seemed **arbitrary**.

archaic adj. /ɑːˈkeɪɪk/

very old and no longer used

“Thou” is an **archaic** word for “you”.
“Thou” “you”

attribute n./v. /ˈætrɪbjuːt/

a quality someone or something has; also, to say something was caused by

Family: attributes · attributed **Use it with:** attribute something to **Tip:** Stress: noun AT-tri-bute; verb at-TRIB-ute.

Patience is her best **attribute**.

authoritative adj. /ɔːˈθɒrɪtətɪv/

trusted and reliable; also, showing power

Family: authority (n.)

This is the most **authoritative** dictionary.

coherent adj. /kəʊˈhɪərənt/

clear and logical

Family: coherence (n.) **Tip:** Opposite: incoherent.

Write a **coherent** essay with a clear plan.

commonplace adj. /ˈkɒmənpleɪs/

ordinary and common

Smartphones are **commonplace** now.

complement v./n. /ˈkɒmplɪmənt/

to go well with something and make it better

Family: complements · complemented · complementary (adj.) **Tip:** Don’t confuse with “compliment” (praise).

The sauce **complements** the fish.

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comprise v. /kəm'praɪz/

to consist of; to be made up of

Family: comprises · comprised **Use it with:** be comprised of

The class **comprises** thirty students.

concentric adj. /kən'sentrɪk/

(of circles) having the same centre

The target has five **concentric** circles.

condensed adj. /kən'denst/

made shorter or thicker

Family: condense (v.) **Use it with:** condensed milk

We read a **condensed** version of the novel.

congested adj. /kən'dʒestɪd/

too crowded, especially with traffic; also, blocked in the nose

Family: congestion (n.)

The roads are **congested** at rush hour.

conversion n. /kən'vɜːʃn/

changing from one form or use to another

Family: conversions · convert (v.)

The **conversion** of the old factory into flats took a year.

correspond v. /ˌkɒrɪ'spɒnd/

to match or be similar; also, to write letters to someone

Family: corresponds · corresponded · correspondence (n.) **Use it with:** correspond to/with

The numbers **correspond** to the answers.

counterpart n. /'kaʊntəpɑːt/

a person or thing with the same job in a different place

Family: counterparts

The Chinese minister met her French **counterpart**.

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definitive adj. /dɪˈfɪnɪtɪv/ final and complete; also, the best **Family:** definitively (adv.) This is the **definitive** answer.	
deteriorate v. /dɪˈtɪərɪəreɪt/ to become worse **Family:** deteriorates · deteriorated His health **deteriorated** quickly.	
deterioration n. /dɪˌtɪərɪəˈreɪʃn/ the process of becoming worse There's been a **deterioration** in the weather.	

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