

Resolve

(verb)

Definition: To settle, determine, or deal with

Sentence: I **resolved** to finish the math problems.

Enable

(verb)

Definition: To make able or possible; to give power or ability

Sentence: The spider bite **enabled** Spider-man (aka Peter Parker) to get his powers.

Crucial

(adjective)

Definition: Involving an extremely important decision or result

Sentence: Doing your homework is **crucial** if you want to avoid being “zapped.”

Capable

(adjective)

Definition: Having the ability to do something

Sentence: We are all **capable** of doing good things for others.

Convey

(verb)

Definition: To communicate or make known

Sentence: The teacher was **conveying** the directions to the class.

Evaluate

(verb)

Definition: To view and determine the value of something

Sentence: The mechanic had to **evaluate** how much to charge his customer for the car repairs.

Impact

(verb/noun)

Definition: To have an effect or influence on something

Sentence: When the student didn't study for his test, it had a negative **impact** on his test grade.

Illustrate

(verb)

Definition: To make clear and understandable; to clear up one's words or explanation.

Sentence: To help his students, Mr. Schnoblen **illustrated** how to do an 11-sentence paragraph.

Assumption

(noun)

Definition: Something taken for granted or assumed

Sentence: I made the **assumption** that *everyone* studied for their quiz...until I graded them.

Signify

(verb)

Definition: To be a sign of something.

Sentence: In the THOR mythology, the Midgard Serpent **signifies** that there is “chaos & evil” in the world.

Sarcastic

(adjective)

Definition: One who uses sarcasm or bitter taunts

Sentence: The boy was **sarcastic** when he told the girl that he liked her bright, orange dress.

Exhibit

(verb)

Definition: To present for inspection; to place on show; to reveal

Sentence: The child **exhibited** flu-like symptoms, so the parents took him to the urgent care center.

Infer

(verb)

Definition: To conclude by reasoning; to hint; to read between the lines

Sentence: We inferred that Mr. Schnoblen was waiting for us to be quiet when he was looking at his watch and keeping time.

Vague

(adjective)

Definition: Unclear; lacking details and/or description

Sentence: I wasn't able to finish the homework last night because the directions were too **vague**.

Meticulous

(adjective)

Definition: Taking or showing extreme care about minor details; precise; thorough

Sentence: Scott was very **meticulous** when he was putting together the model car.

Interrogate

(verb)

Definition: To question someone

Sentence: Mrs. Robinson **interrogated** the two boys about the bullying situation during lunch.

Liberal

(adjective)

Definition: generous; ample ;full; not literal;
broad-minded

Sentence:

Tragic

(adjective)

Definition: regrettably serious or unpleasant;
dealing with; marked by

Sentence:

Compassionate

(adjective)

Definition: showing sympathy; sympathetic to
another's distress

Sentence:

Objective

(adjective)

Definition: unbiased; likely to view without judgement or opinion

Sentence:

Cautious

(adjective)

Definition: showing, using, or characterized by
caution

Sentence:

Optimistic

(adjective)

Definition: able to take a favorable view of events or conditions and to expect the most favorable outcome.

Sentence:

Reflective

(adjective)

Definition: to think back and remember

Sentence:

Humble

(adjective)

Definition: not proud or arrogant; having a feeling of unimportance or inferiority

Sentence:

Testimonials

(noun)

Definition: a written declaration certifying conduct, value, or excellence

Sentence:

Anecdotes

(noun)

Definition: A short account of a particular event of an interesting or amusing nature

Sentence:

Whimsical

(adjective)

Definition: fanciful notions; playful expressions

Sentence:

Reoccurring

(adjective)

Definition: happening over again

Sentence:

Insight*

(noun)

Definition: intuition; an understanding of the motivational forces behind one's actions, thoughts, or behavior

Sentence:

**Homophone - Incite*

Yield

(verb)

Definition: to give up, surrender; to produce; to give way to influence

Sentence: The trust fund yields ten percent. Don't yield to their demands. The farm yielded enough fruit for the season.

Nurturing

(adjective)

Definition: to feed and protect; support and encourage

Sentence:

Collaborative

(adjective)

Definition: joint effort; work together

Sentence:

Era

(noun)

Definition: a significant period of time, usually beginning with a special date or event.

EXAMPLE: The Civil War Era

Sentence:

Inequities

(noun)

Definition: an instance of injustice or unfairness
(not being equal)

Sentence:

Protest

(verb)

Definition: to object strongly against someone or something through words or actions

Sentence:

Mass

(noun)

Definition: a large amount of something

EXAMPLE: the mass of garbage piled up

Sentence:

Vengeful

(adjective)

Definition: wanting to take revenge for some wrongdoing

Sentence:

Prosperous

(adjective)

Definition: having or showing success; financial
good fortune

Sentence:

Decisive

(adjective)

Definition: having the power to make a decision

Sentence:

Sentimental

(adjective)

Definition: connected to an emotional event or feeling

EXAMPLE: The old wedding dress had sentimental value for the cranky old woman.

Sentence:

Racial Slur

(noun)

Definition: an insulting remark directed towards one's race and/or ethnicity

Sentence:

Propaganda

(noun)

Definition: an organized spreading of certain ideas to influence people's thoughts & feelings about those ideas

Sentence:

Dialect

(noun)

Definition: a regional variety of a language that differs from the standard language that is usually spoken

Sentence:

Inspire

(verb)

Definition: to help or to guide, sometimes by a divine source; to motivate

Sentence:

Incite*

(verb)

Definition: to make something happen

Sentence:

**Homophone - Insight*

Tranquility

(noun)

Definition: a state of being at peace; quietness;
calmness

Sentence:

Solidarity

(noun)

Definition: a state of being united as a group that have shared interests and/or goals

Sentence:

Innately

(adverb)

Definition: described as being born with a certain quality; something natural, without having to do much work for it

Sentence:

Defensive

(adjective)

Definition: Protective, trying to resist attack

Sentence:

Timid

(adjective)

Definition: Lacking in courage or bravery;
unsure of one's self

Sentence:

Reunion

(noun)

Definition: The act of coming together again

Sentence:

Tension

(noun)

Definition: mental or emotional strain; anxiety or excitement

Sentence:

Folly

(noun)

Definition: Being foolish; lack of understanding
or sense

Sentence:

Arrogance

(noun)

Definition: Showing off to be superior or self-important; thinking one is better than others

Sentence:

Heroine

(noun)

Definition: The principal female character in a story; a woman with great courage or ability

Sentence:

Incentive

(noun)

Definition: Something that encourages as a reward

Sentence:

Demeanor

(noun)

Definition: Conduct and behavior

Sentence:

Console

(verb)

Definition: To lessen the grief, sorrow, or disappointment of; give comfort

Sentence:

Raucous

(noun)

Definition: A rowdy disruption; disorderly
conduct

Sentence:

Somber

(adjective)

Definition: Gloomy, depressing, or dismal

Sentence:

Amiable

(adjective)

Definition: Friendly; sociable

Sentence:

Dignity

(noun)

Definition: Self-respect; a high regard for self-worth

Sentence:

Relinquish

(verb)

Definition: Give up, or abandon; let go, surrender

Sentence:

Alleviate

(verb)

Definition: To give relief; to ease or lessen

Sentence: