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Clowns Can't Dance - Vocab Cards

adjacent adjective

near or next to.

Lena and Binh sat in *adjacent* seats so that they could easily talk to one another.

Synonyms: bordering, close, neighboring

Antonyms: distant, faraway, remote



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akin adjective

similar in kind or spirit; alike.

Pierre's hobbies and tastes are *akin* to mine; We both like building model airplanes and pistachio ice cream.

Synonyms: allied, related, similar

Antonyms: alien, different, unlike

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candid adjective

without deception or concealment; honest; forthright.

He was *candid* about his faults, explaining that he needs to be more organized.

Synonyms: direct, genuine, sincere

Antonyms: deceitful, evasive

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enthrall verb

to hold the complete attention of; fascinate.

A really good mystery story has the power to *enthrall* its readers so they don't even notice time passing until it's 3:00 in the morning.

Synonyms: captivate, charm, enchant

Antonyms: bore

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erode verb

to become worn away or eaten into.

Over time, the water will *erode* the shoreline, washing the topsoil downstream.

Synonyms: wear away

Antonyms: reinforce, strengthen



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loath adjective

extremely reluctant; unwilling.

Tricia was *loath* to admit her mistake, preferring to say that everything was just fine.

Synonyms: averse, disinclined, reluctant

Antonyms: anxious, eager, willing

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melancholy adjective

suffering from or likely to suffer from sadness or depression.

Harvey was very *melancholy*; he stopped making eye contact with anyone and gazed sadly out the window.

Synonyms: gloomy, glum, miserable

Antonyms: buoyant, cheerful

Melancholy can also be used as a noun, like in this sentence: "Sam was overcome with melancholy when his grandmother died."



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mull verb

to think deeply about; consider seriously (often followed by over).

It was a tricky situation, and Skyler had to *mull* over how to make the right decision.

Synonyms: contemplate, ponder, reflect



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nimble adjective

quick and light in movement.

The dancer was so *nimble* that he reminded me of a butterfly.

Synonyms: agile, quick, swift

Antonyms: clumsy, lumbering



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overwhelm verb

to overcome emotionally.

All her work began to *overwhelm* her, preventing her from concentrating on studying.

Synonyms: bewilder, overcome, overpower



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pamper verb

to treat or please with too much care or attention; spoil.

The spa promises to *pamper* its clients, bringing them every little thing they need for their entire stay.

Synonyms: baby, coddle, indulge

Antonyms: neglect

Use this word in a sentence or give an example to show you understand its meaning:

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sham noun

an imitation that is passed as genuine; counterfeit; something that is fake or false.

The advertising made it seem like the product would be fantastic, but it turned out to be a *sham*.

Synonyms: fake, falsehood, phony

Antonyms: truth, reality

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shirk verb

to escape from or avoid doing.

Adnan convinced Addison to *shirk* her responsibilities by skipping work and riding her bike to the beach instead.

Synonyms: cheat, neglect, slack



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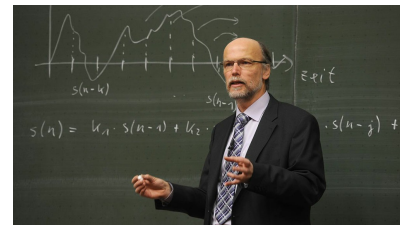
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vocation noun

work that you want to do for your whole life.

To Jerry, being a teacher is not just a job that he'll do for a few years. It's his *vocation*.

Synonyms: business, career, occupation



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yearn verb

to have a strong desire, craving, or wish for something.

Given very little freedom, the children *yearn* for excitement.

Synonyms: crave, hunger, long

Antonyms: dislike, dread



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