

WordMasters BLUE – Fall 2007 – Session 1 – Grade 4

Word	Short definition of the word* sample sentence using the word (see also: connected WordMaster words)
adrift	floating free, aimless, wandering The boat was adrift since there was no wind for the sails and the motor was broken. (see also: astray, baffle, perplex)
astray	off course, off track, off the path, lost & wandering They were paying attention to the fall colors, went astray, and became completely lost. (see also:adrift, baffle, perplex)
baffle	confuse, mystify He was baffled by most of the questions on the test. (see also:adrift, perplex, astray, entangle)
blunder	mistake, goof, error His biggest blunder was never telling her he wanted to be friends with her. (see also: glitch, jam, trudge, entangle)
cloudburst	sudden hard rain, downpour The lightening started and the drizzle became a cloudburst.
console	cheer up, comfort, calm, sooth The only one who could console her was her puppy dog.
dazed	confused, shocked, dizzy We knew he was baffled by the dazed look on his face. (see also: fatigue, mute, hardy, numb)
entangle	to trap, snare, caught-up in a trap Each lie is another blunder that gets you more entangled in deceit. (see also: blunder, glitch, trudge, entangle)
fatigue	weak, tired, exhausted Their blunder turned the walk into a six hour hike ending with total fatigue and numb hands and toes. (see also: mute, hardy, dazed, numb)

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finicky	fussy, picky, choosy She was so finicky about what to eat that she never had a balanced, nutritious meal.
glitch	minor problem, small malfunction There was a glitch in the projector that made the movie blurry and jumpy. (see also: blunder, jam, trudge)
guide	show how, direct, steer, lead The most popular book this year is the guide to dealing with baffling social problems.
gust	sudden breeze, puff of wind The thunderstorm had strong gusts and a cloudburst.
hardy	tough, strong, a plant that can survive winter The northern Native American tribes were a resourceful and hardy people. (see also: fatigue, mute, dazed, numb)
idle	inactive, at rest, unused Too much idle time leads to boredom.
jam	1) in trouble, in a tight spot, having difficulty After being adrift for days and his food running low, he knew he was in a real jam. (see also: blunder, glitch, trudge, entangle) 2) pack together, cram into a small space When she packed for camp, she had to jam everything into one small bag. 3) a sweet preserved fruit spread Her favorite sandwich was peanut butter and jam.
mute	1) silent, unable to speak (fatigue, hardy, dazed, numb) She was so baffled and perplexed that she became temporarily mute. 2) to make something silent "Alexander, please press the TV mute button while I'm on the phone."

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numb	without feeling, insensitive Their blunder turned the walk into a six hour hike ending with total fatigue and numb hands and toes. (see also: fatigue, mute, hardy, dazed)
perch	to rest on, land on, roost The birds perched on the wood perch and the plastic perch, but not the metal perch.
perplex	confuse, confound, baffle, stymie For everything that can perplex you, someone has written a guide book to help you understand. (see also: baffle, adrift, astray, entangle)
pride	self importance, self esteem It is good to have pride in your work, but don't over-do it and become uppity and a braggart. (see also: strut, uppity)
strut	1) walk with pride, swagger, march She was mute about her grade, but her strut showed she got an A plus on the test. (see also: pride, uppity) 2) a support bar, usually metal The wheel strut broke and the tire fell off.
trudge	difficult walk, like through mud or snow The surprise snow storm meant he had to trudge home instead of riding his bike. (see also: blunder, jam, glitch)
uppity	arrogant, vain, full of pride, bragging It is good to have pride in your work, but don't over-do it and become uppity and a braggart. (see also: pride, strut)
whiff	smell, trace They were perplexed by not finding fire after the whiff of smoke.

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