

WordMasters BLUE - Fall 2007 - Session 1 - Grade 5

Word	Short definition of the word* sample sentence using the word (see also: connected WordMaster words)
amble	a slow walk, stroll, mosey Calm your spirit with an amble through a garden. (see also: leisurely, mellow, hightail, serene, tranquil)
breakthrough	a sudden success or discovery There was a breakthrough in medicine when penicillin was discovered. (see also: inspiration)
burrow	a hole, an animal home in the ground, or to dig a hole Many people don't know that foxes live in a burrow .
captivating	attractive, catches your attention The audience is captivated when a great author reads her own stories and poems. (see also: charisma, charm)
charisma	charm, appealing personality, a person who attracts others has charisma The politician won the election because she had great charisma , not because of great ideas. (see also: captivating, charm)
charm	1) attraction, lure, or appeal She has a charming smile and a radiant face, but a high, shrill, irritating voice. (see also: captivating, charisma) 2) to catch and keep someone's attention, mesmerize Once she has charmed you, you will never forget her. 3) an ornament worn for decoration, good luck, or protection from evil spirits Some people have a rabbit's foot as a good luck charm .
coffer	a chest or safe for holding valuables, especially money The robbery was total; the coffer was empty, the closets were empty, even their food was taken. (see also: vault)

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fledgling	a baby bird about ready to leave the nest The fledgling ducks were learning to care for themselves. (see also: tenderfoot, mature)
goad	to push someone into doing something, to hassle or prod Don't let someone goad you into doing something wrong.
grapple	to wrestle, struggle, or fight, often with yourself He grappled with the thought that he had failed math. (see also: scuffle, scuttle)
hightail	to leave quickly, often to escape something The roar of the bear made them hightail back to the car. (see also: amble, leisurely, mellow, serene, tranquil)
inspire	to motivate or encourage A great teacher will inspire you to go for the gold. (see also: breakthrough)
leisurely	not in a hurry, easy, relaxed, slow & gentle To become serene, amble through the garden or take a leisurely walk with a charming friend through the woods. (see also: amble, mellow, hightail, serene, tranquil)
mature	1) grown up or adult Insects have three life stages: egg, larva, and the adult stage, which is the mature stage. (see also: tenderfoot, fledgling) 2) ripe or ready The young fruit is hard and tasteless, but the mature fruit is soft and sweet.
mellow	rich, full, gentle, and pleasant, or easy going When the orchestra played the charming, leisurely song with no brass instruments, the air was filled with soft, captivating mellow sounds. (see also: amble, leisurely, hightail, serene, tranquil)
milestone	goal, mark of progress, high point The milestone of his life was when he reached his milestone of earning one million dollars.

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radiant	1) bright, glowing, giving off light Distant stars may be more radiant than our sun, but they are so far away that they don't look as bright. (see also: shimmering) 2) happy, healthy, joyful She has a charming smile and a radiant face, but a high, shrill, irritating voice.
scuffle	a small fight or brawl The scuffle during recess was enough to get both boys suspended for a week. (see also: grapple, scuttle)
scuttle	1) to spoil, ruin, or wreck When the treasure ship sank, his plans to fill his coffer with gold were scuttled . (see also: grapple, scuffle) 2) quick run, dash, or scurry He scuttled this way and that way as he hightailed it through the woods back into town. (see also: amble, leisurely)
serene	calm, peaceful, or quiet The gentle breeze and serene ocean inspired her to write tranquil poetry. (see also: amble, leisurely, mellow, hightail, tranquil)
shimmering	shining, sparkling, gleaming, or flickering The reflection of the moon and stars was shimmering on the tranquil lake. (see also: radiant)
talon	a claw, usually of a bird The talons of an eagle are strong enough to catch and hold a salmon.

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tenderfoot	a beginner, newcomer, or apprentice A tenderfoot will make mistakes that a mature rider won't make. (see also: fledgling, mature)
tranquil	calm, peaceful, quiet, or restful The reflection of the moon and stars was shimmering on the tranquil lake. (see also: amble, leisurely, mellow, hightail, serene)
vault	1) a large safe or burial chamber A bank vault keeps the money safe, a burial vault keeps the soul safe. (see also: coffer) 2) to jump over, leap, hurdle In the pole vault competition, the pole becomes a big spring to vault the athlete up and over the bar.

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