

WordMasters BLUE - Fall 2007 - Session 1 - Grade 6

Word	Short definition of the word* sample sentence using the word (see also: connected WordMaster words)
backslide	slip back, return to a previous way or state, usually back towards a bad or sinful way The month away at summer camp caused him to <b>backslide</b> on his table manners. (see also: relapse, recoup)
coup	an unexpected success or triumph, a clever action; <i>pronounce coup like koo, the 'p' is silent</i> The chess master won with a skillful <b>coup</b> using his queen and rook. (see also: falter, flounder, rout)
dabbler	a beginner or amateur, to do something off & on She was well known as a fiction writer, but she was also a <b>dabbler</b> in poetry. (see also: delve)
delve	to look into, search, dig deeper After her teacher read them a story about Rome, Beth wanted to <b>delve</b> into Roman history. (see also: dabbler)
diagnostic	a tool for figuring something out A modern hospital has <b>diagnostic</b> equipment like CAT scans and X-ray machines.
falter	pause, hesitate, weaken, or fade As she climbed the stairs to the stage we knew she was nervous because of her <b>faltering</b> steps. (see also: coup, flounder, rout)
flounder	1) to struggle, have difficulty, hesitate The team started the game <b>floundering</b> , but then their playing became more robust and they won. (see also: coup, falter, rout) 2) an edible flat bottom dwelling fish They were trying to catch crabs, but only one small <b>flounder</b> took the bait.
fop	a man who is really concerned about his appearance Even though all his clothes were slightly out of style, everyone knew he was a <b>fop</b> . (see also: natty, suave)

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glib	off-hand, not thoughtful, slightly rude, insincere She began to doubt his friendship after he made some <b>glib</b> comments about her appearance. (see also: poise, robust, suave, taciturn, vibrant)
languid	slow, lacking interest, unhurried, lazy The whole class late to lunch because of the <b>languid</b> pace of the line leader. (see also: meander, mosey)
meander	1) wander, drift about, stroll, slow walk Rather than playing at recess, she just <b>meandered</b> around the playground. (see also: languid, mosey) 2) zigzag, back and forth, twist After passing the Fall Line, most rivers in Virginia <b>meander</b> their way to the ocean.
mosey	to wander, to walk in a relaxed way, saunter, stroll One way to relax is to <b>mosey</b> down a beach looking for shells and driftwood. (see also: meander, languid)
natty	dressed neat, trim, and tidy The gentleman was clearly a fop as his whole outfit was <b>natty</b> , from his head to toes. (see also: fop, suave)
pinnacle	high point, very top, peak The <b>pinnacle</b> of her career was when she won the Nobel Prize for literature. (see also: zenith)
pinpoint	locate the exact location, isolate, identify By using a diagnostic test you can <b>pinpoint</b> which math skills you need to work on the most.
poise	1) posture, upright, with dignity Even though she had a troubled childhood, she walked with grace and <b>poise</b> . (see also: glib, robust, suave, taciturn, vibrant) 2) hover, ready to act, perch The cat was <b>poised</b> to jump onto the mouse.

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recoup	recover, get back something that was gone or lost; <i>unlike the word coup, you DO say the 'p' in recoup: re-koop</i> He finally got a lucky poker hand and was able to <b>recoup</b> everything he had lost. (see also: relapse, backslide)
relapse	to go back, usually to something bad After three weeks of being healthy she had a <b>relapse</b> and the sickness came back. (see also: recoup, backslide)
robust	healthy, strong, hearty, vigorous The team started the game floundering, but then their playing became more <b>robust</b> and they won. (see also: poise, glib, suave, taciturn, vibrant)
rout	to easily beat, crush, trounce The teams were so uneven that the game was a <b>rout</b> . (see also: coup, falter, flounder)
schism	split, break, separation In colonial America, there was a <b>schism</b> over whether to fight for independence or to be a loyalist.
suave	smooth, polite, charming, courteous We believe him because he had poise and was <b>suave</b> . (see also: fop, natty, poise, glib, robust, taciturn, vibrant)
taciturn	silent, quiet, seeming cold & uncaring The <b>taciturn</b> man sat in the corner all evening just watching us talk. (see also: glib, robust, suave, vibrant)
vibrant	1) lively, exciting, bubbly, talkative Her illness was long gone and she was robust and <b>vibrant</b> again. (see also: glib, robust, suave, taciturn) 2) bright, dazzling, colorful Somehow she mixed the paint colors so that her rainbow picture was <b>vibrant</b> and realistic.
zenith	straight overhead, very top, highest point When the North Star is at your <b>zenith</b> it means you are standing at the North Pole. (see also: pinnacle)

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