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List A (5-6 grade)

against	(preposition)	in opposition to	Our basketball team is going to play _____ the rival school on Friday night.
almost	(adverb)	not quite; very nearly	The team was glad that the bus was _____ back to the school.
alphabet	(noun)	a set of letters or symbols in a fixed order, used to represent the basic sounds of a language; in particular, the set of letters from A to Z	My little sister is learning how to say the _____.
anteater	(noun)	a mammal that had a long narrow snout, long sticky tongue and usually no teeth and that feeds entirely on insects	There was a show about the life of an _____ on Animal Planet last night.
arrest	(verb)	seize (someone) by legal authority and take into custody	According to the news, the police plan to _____ the man when they find him.
babies	(plural noun)	very young children or offspring of animals, especially newly or recently born	A mother bird and her _____ sat in the nest.
balance	(noun)	stability as a result of equally distributing weight	Don lost his _____ and fell.
barefoot	(adjective or adverb)	not wearing any shoes or socks	Caleb got a bee sting from going _____ while playing in the yard.
belief	(noun)	when trust or confidence is placed in a person or thing	Our principal has a strong _____ that our students will be successful on the test.
between	(preposition)	at, into, or across the space separating (two objects or regions)	The player kicked the football _____ the two goal posts.
bonfire	(noun)	a large fire built in the open air	After the pep rally, the firefighters came to put out the huge _____.
bridge	(noun)	a structure carrying a road, path, railroad, or canal across a river, ravine, road, railroad, or other obstacle	The Smith family drove over a large _____ during their road trip.

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bronze	(noun)	a substance made of copper and tin mixed together and that is used to make industrial items, art, and bells	The bell was made out of _____.
camera	(noun)	a device for recording visual images in the form of photographs, film, or video signals	Amelia smiled for the _____ on picture day.
caption	(noun)	a piece of text appearing on a movie or television screen as part of a movie or broadcast; or text printed along with a photo to explain what is seen in the picture	The _____ under the picture explained how the crash happened.
cents	(noun)	a monetary unit of the US, Canada, and various other countries, equal to one hundredth of a dollar, euro, or other decimal currency unit	A pack of gum costs 75 _____.
circus	(noun)	a traveling company of acrobats, trained animals, and clowns that gives performances, typically in a large tent, in a series of different places	The clowns were my favorite part of the _____.
climbed	(past tense verb)	used your hands to raise yourself upwards	The student _____ the rope all the way to the top in gym class.
clutter	(noun)	a collection of things lying about in an untidy mass	The playroom is full of _____.
complaints	(plural noun)	expressions of unfairness	The manager heard many _____ from customers about the new cashier.
contents	(plural noun)	the things that are held or included in something	The _____ of the box spilled all over the floor.
contract	(noun)	an agreement between two or more people to do or not to do something	We signed a _____ in our classroom that we would not bully anyone.
costume	(noun)	an outfit worn to create the appearance characteristic of a particular period, person, place, or thing	The boy's Halloween _____ is scary.

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cottage	(noun)	a small simple house, typically one near a lake or beach	The family spent the weekend at the _____ by the lake.
cough	(verb)	expel air from the lungs with a sudden sharp sound	The smoke from the campfire might make me _____ if it blows in my direction.
country	(noun)	a political state or nation	On our next vacation, we are going to visit the _____ of Brazil.
deadline	(noun)	a date or time before which something must be done	The _____ for my presentation is this Friday.
dessert	(noun)	the sweet course eaten at the end of a meal	Grandma made a chocolate cake for _____.
destiny	(noun)	fate	It was _____ when I met my best friend in kindergarten.
dire	(adjective)	(of a situation or event) extremely serious or urgent	The firefighters faced _____ consequences by not wearing their protective gear.
disobey	(verb)	failure to follow rules or directions	The soldier _____ the general's orders.
dispatch	(verb)	send off to a destination or for a purpose	The operator will _____ the tow truck to help us.
dispute	(noun)	a disagreement, argument, or debate	The two players had a dispute about whether or not the ball went over the goal line.
Earth	(noun)	the planet on which we live; the world	The moon orbits the _____.
elderly	(adjective)	advanced in years	I visit with _____ people when I volunteer at the nursing home.
estate	(noun)	the sum of all property and debts that someone leaves behind when they die	I inherited one million dollars from my grandfather's _____.
family	(noun)	a group of people related to one another by blood or marriage	Sarah is part of a large _____.
favorite	(adjective)	preferred before all others of the same kind	The boy's _____ color is blue.

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flexible	(adjective)	bending easily without breaking	The _____ branches swayed in the strong wind.
furnish	(verb)	to add necessary and decorative items to a room	The buyers will have to _____ the entire house before they can move in.
guess	(verb)	estimate or suppose (something) without sufficient information to be sure of being correct	He didn't know the answer to the question, so he decided to _____.
happen	(verb)	take place; occur	What do you think will _____ when the chemicals are mixed together?
honest	(adjective)	good and truthful : not lying, stealing, or cheating	The mother asked for an _____ answer from her son.
important	(adjective)	of great significance or value	An _____ part of being healthy is getting enough exercise.
invest	(verb)	to put (money) to use, by purchase or expenditure, in something offering potential profitable returns, as interest, income, or appreciation in value	The banker suggested that the couple _____ their money into stocks and bonds.
janitor	(noun)	someone who keeps an apartment, office, or other building clean and who makes minor repairs	Each night the _____ empties the garbage cans in our school.
kitchen	(noun)	a room or area where food is prepared and cooked	Mom said that I have to help her clean the _____ before we make dinner.
knitting	(verb)	to make something (such as clothing) from yarn either by hand using long needles or by machine	Grandma enjoys _____ hats and scarves to give as holiday presents.
lantern	(noun)	a portable lamp	We should pack a _____ for our camping trip.
laughter	(noun)	an expression or appearance of merriment or amusement	The baby's _____ made us all smile.

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laundry	(noun)	a group of clothing or household linens to be washed	My least favorite chore is doing the _____.
libraries	(plural noun)	buildings or rooms containing collections of books, periodicals, and sometimes films and recorded music for people to read, borrow, or refer to	Area _____ offer story programs for children of all ages.
liquid	(noun)	an extremely fluid substance that flows freely like water	The ice turned to _____ when it melted in the sun.
loophole	(noun)	an inexactness (especially one in a law or contract) that makes it possible to escape a difficulty or obligation	She took advantage of the _____ in the tax law.
mansion	(noun)	a home that is impressive due to its size	After winning the lottery, the family moved into a _____.
manual	(adjective)	of or done with the hands	The class began learning sign language by practicing the _____ alphabet.
massive	(adjective)	weighty; heavy	The _____ rock rolled down the hill and crushed the car.
merely	(adverb)	barely, only, simply	Are you certain that you lost your book, or did you _____ misplace it?
message	(noun)	a verbal, written, or recorded communication sent to or left for a recipient who cannot be contacted directly	The banker was not in his office, so I left him a _____.
monkeys	(plural noun)	primates that are smaller than apes and have longer tails	My favorite animals to see at the zoo are the _____.
neither	(pronoun)	not the one nor the other of two people or things	Tom didn't go, and _____ did Mary.
nifty	(adjective)	handy	A calculator is a _____ tool to use on a math test.
nitpick	(verb)	to engage in usually unjustified criticism	In your rough draft, there is no need to

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			_____ over spelling and grammar.
nonsense	(noun)	words or language that have no meaning	The confused man was talking _____.
numeral	(noun)	a figure, symbol, or group of these denoting a number	The _____ 3 was on the back of the player's jersey.
observe	(verb)	notice or perceive (something) and register it as being significant	Our class was able to _____ the solar eclipse in August.
passage	(noun)	a brief section of written work or speech that is mentioned by itself as noteworthy or relevant	The reading _____ on the test was very difficult.
pioneer	(noun)	a person who is among the first to explore or settle a new country or area	We read about a _____ who was one of the first settlers in Montana.
polling	(verb)	recording the opinion or vote of	The principal is _____ the teachers to find out when they wanted to have the fall party.
portable	(adjective)	light enough to be carried	Newer computers, such as laptops and Chromebooks, are smaller and more _____.
pottery	(noun)	an article made of fired clay	Our art teacher helped us make _____ for Mother's Day.
pouring	(verb)	causing or allowing something to flow in a steady stream	Susan was angry at her brother for _____ her juice down the sink.
product	(noun)	an article or substance that is manufactured or refined for sale	They advertised a new _____ on TV.
promote	(verb)	to move forward in station, rank, or honor	The manager will _____ the employee who does the best job.
question	(noun)	a sentence worded or expressed so as to elicit information	If you do not know what to do on this assignment, make sure you ask a _____.

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scheme	(noun)	a clever and often dishonest plan to do or get something	When the police arrived at the jewelry store, the thief had to abandon his _____ to steal the diamonds.
slight	(adjective)	small in degree; inconsiderable	There is a _____ breeze today.
smirk	(verb)	to smile in a false way or as if pleased with yourself	I saw John _____ when he turned his homework in late without being caught.
square	(noun)	a rectangle with all four sides equal	A _____ has four right angles.
squirrel	(noun)	an agile tree-dwelling rodent with a bushy tail, typically feeding on nuts and seeds	My dog chased the brown _____ up the tree again.
straight	(adjective)	extending or moving uniformly in one direction only; without a curve or bend	The artist drew a _____ line as he put the finishing touches on his piece.
student	(noun)	a person who attends a school, college, or university	When the _____ arrived at school, she hung up her backpack.
studio	(noun)	a place to study various performing arts such as dancing, singing, or acting	Every Saturday I go to the _____ to take dance lessons.
subtracting	(verb)	taking away an amount from a total	My teacher is _____ the days until the end of the school year.
suitcase	(noun)	a usually rectangular piece of luggage especially for carrying clothes while traveling	When I flew to visit my mother, the airline lost my _____.
surprise	(noun)	an unexpected or astonishing event, fact, or thing	It was quite a _____ when the teacher cancelled class.
teaspoon	(noun)	a small tool consisting of an oval or round shallow bowl with a handle and used for stirring a drink or as a unit of measure	The recipe calls for one _____ of vanilla.
thousand	(number)	the number equivalent to the product of a hundred and ten	There were three _____ fans in

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			attendance at the game.
thunderbolt	(noun)	a flash of lightning along with a loud, distant rolling sound	During the storm, the _____ frightened the dogs.
timidly	(adverb)	in a way that is not brave or courageous	She _____ asked an older student to be quiet.
trance	(noun)	a dazed or bewildered condition.	My family was in a _____ after seeing the 3D movie.
twine	(noun)	a strong string made by twisting two or more strands together	Bill used _____ to keep the straw from falling out of his scarecrow.
umbrella	(noun)	a small portable covering that provides protection against the weather	My friend handed me her _____ when I walked out in the rain.
underneath	(preposition)	situated directly below (something else)	The dog laid _____ the table while chewing on its bone.
understand	(verb)	perceive the intended meaning	I do not _____ your question.
useful	(adjective)	helpful or beneficial	The internet is _____ for finding information quickly.
Wednesday	(noun)	the day of the week after Tuesday and before Thursday	The field trip was moved to _____ since it was raining on Tuesday.
window	(noun)	an opening in the wall or roof of a building or vehicle that is fitted with glass or other transparent material in a frame to admit light or air and allow people to see out	The girl looked out the _____ at the animals playing in the field.
without	(preposition)	in the absence of	Don't leave home _____ your bookbag.
wonderful	(adjective)	unusually good, interesting, amusing, or lovely	We had a _____ time at the party.