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List B (7-8 grade)

annual	(adjective)	occurring, appearing, made or done every year or once a year	The _____ 5K race will be held next Saturday.
applause	(noun)	approval publicly expressed (such as with clapping hands)	The mayor's speech was met with roaring _____.
armadillo	(noun)	a burrowing nocturnal mammal with a bony shell shielding its head and body	The outer shell of the _____ is for protection against prey.
auction	(noun)	a public sale of property to the person who pays the most	The school held a fundraising _____ for the soccer team.
bargain	(noun)	something whose value to the purchaser is greater than its cost	She found a great _____ when shopping for new shoes.
beckon	(verb)	to appear inviting; attract	The older girl held out her hand to _____ the toddler to come with her.
bemused	(adjective)	having or showing feelings of wry entertainment especially from something that is surprising or perplexing	When reading, the librarian usually wore a _____ expression on her face.
biology	(noun)	the science of life	Her sister is studying _____ in college.
blurred	(adjective)	characterized by dimness, indistinctness or obscurity	The fog and rain caused her view to be _____.
botany	(noun)	the branch of science dealing with plants	Our first science unit is a study of plants, also known as _____.
bushel	(noun)	a unit of dry measure used in the U.S.	At the orchard, we picked a _____ of apples.
canteen	(noun)	a small container used especially by soldiers and hikers for carrying water or other liquids	The campers were thirsty because they left the _____ in the car.
caterpillar	(noun)	the larvae of a butterfly or moth that is long and looks like a worm with legs	The dog watched the _____ slowly move across the leaf.
cathedral	(noun)	a church that was once a bishop's church	When we go to France, I want to visit the _____ known as Notre Dame de Paris.

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classical	(adjective)	of or relating to the classics of literature or art	The senior citizens often enjoyed listening to _____ music.
clients	(plural noun)	patrons, customers	The hairdresser asked her _____ to sit down while they waited for their appointments.
climate	(noun)	the weather conditions prevailing in an area in general or over a long period.	The _____ of that region was better for plants to grow.
clodhoppers	(plural noun)	large, heavy shoes	After getting home from work, he took off his _____ and flopped in a chair.
concise	(adjective)	expressed using few words and without unnecessary detail	Give a _____ description of the car accident.
contestants	(plural noun)	persons who participate in a competition	Good luck to all of the _____ in the race!
creation	(noun)	an original work of art or of the imagination	The artist looked over his _____ for flaws.
cucumber	(noun)	a long, green-skinned fruit with watery flesh, usually eaten raw in salads or pickled	The chef diced up a _____ for the salad.
culture	(noun)	the behaviors and beliefs characteristic of a particular social, ethnic, or age group	Many interpreters take a class on Deaf _____ as part of their training.
cupboard	(noun)	a closet with shelves to receive cups, dishes, or food	Reaching into the _____, the cook took out the ingredients for the pie.
cushion	(noun)	a pillow or pad stuffed with a mass of soft material, used as a comfortable support for sitting or leaning on	Put that _____ on the couch.
dandruff	(noun)	small white flakes that form on and shed from skin, especially from the scalp	The _____ made her head itch.
daunted	(verb)	made (someone) afraid; intimidated	Older people often feel _____ by technology.

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decade	(noun)	a period of ten years	He taught at the school for a decade.
delicate	(adjective)	easily damaged, broken, or hurt	The thin china teacups are quite _____ and will break easily.
deposit	(verb)	to place for safekeeping, especially in a bank account	Susan will _____ the money she earned from babysitting in her savings account.
describe	(verb)	give an account in words of (someone or something), including all the relevant characteristics, qualities, or events	Please _____ to the class what you did for your science fair project.
digestive	(adjective)	relating to the action or process of converting (food) into a form that can be absorbed	The doctor explained that she has a problem with her _____ tract.
dignified	(adjective)	showing or expressing formality, seriousness and self-confidence in appearance, manner, or language	The queen carried herself in a very _____ manner.
diligent	(adjective)	characterized by steady, earnest, attentive and energetic effort	The team was _____ as they studied the words for the spelling bee.
dimension	(noun)	measurement in a single line (as length, height, or width)	She carefully measured each _____ of the room.
director	(noun)	a person who is in charge of an activity, department, or organization	Who's your favorite movie _____?
discreetly	(adverb)	in a tactful manner	The waitress _____ cleaned up the spilled water.
disturbed	(verb)	interfered with the normal arrangement or functioning of	The thunderstorm _____ my sleep.
dumbwaiter	(noun)	a small elevator used for carrying food and dishes or small goods from one floor of a building to another	There was a _____ in the pantry of the old house, but it was no longer used.
engineering	(noun)	the science that applies the properties of matter and energy to create machines and structures	Jake is studying aerospace _____.

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esteem	(noun)	approval and respect often blended with great liking because of worthy qualities	The class held their teacher in high _____.
extreme	(adjective)	very severe or serious	Suspending the student was an _____ punishment for his behavior.
failure	(noun)	lack of success	His effort ended in _____.
falter	(verb)	start to lose strength or momentum	Linda felt her resolve begin to _____ as she stepped to the stage.
farfetched	(adjective)	not easily or naturally reached by logic or reason	Her excuse sounded very _____.
fervently	(adverb)	in a manner characterized by often deep intensity of feeling or expression	The Cubs fans _____ cheered for their team in the ninth inning.
forfeit	(verb)	to lose the right to something because of error, fault, offense or crime	If the team doesn't show up, they will _____ the game.
fortune	(noun)	good luck; success	The teacher couldn't believe her good _____ when the rain stopped right before recess.
gnarled	(adjective)	warped or twisted with or as if with knots	The old woman's _____ hands made it difficult for her to write.
gourd	(noun)	a fruit that is hard-shelled, inedible, and used often for decoration, and that comes from a vine	We only harvested one _____ from the many vines that grew.
gymnastics	(plural noun)	systematic physical exercises along with performance on apparatus (as rings or bars) that are designed to promote strength, flexibility, agility, coordination and body control	Her favorite activity in _____ is the uneven parallel bars.
hangar	(noun)	a covered and usually enclosed area or large shed for housing and repairing aircraft (such as airplanes)	The airplane radioed ahead before taxiing into the _____.

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harness	(noun)	a set of straps and fittings by which a horse or other draft animal is fastened to a cart, plow, etc., and is controlled by its drive	The horse was wearing a brand new _____ for the parade.
heredity	(noun)	qualities and traits someone gets from ancestors	Does a child's musical talent depend on heredity?
income	(noun)	money received, especially on a regular basis, for work or through investments	Do you have enough _____ to afford a new car?
indifference	(noun)	an attitude that something does not matter one way or another	These problems are a result of _____.
initials	(plural noun)	the first letters of each word in a person's name	They carved their _____ in the tree trunk.
inlet	(noun)	a narrow strip of water running in the land or between islands	The boys went fishing in the quiet _____ along the coast.
innocent	(adjective)	free from legal guilt or responsibility for wrongdoing or failure	The jury declared that the man was _____.
invisible	(adjective)	not able to be seen	With the telescope we can see details of the planet's surface that are ordinarily _____.
linen	(noun)	a strong cloth made of flax noted for its strength and coolness but wrinkles easily	The tablecloth was made from _____.
lounged	(verb)	to stand, sit or recline lazily; loaf	The teenager liked to _____ around instead of doing her chores.
marooned	(verb)	put ashore on a desolate island or coast and left to one's fate	Because of the problems with the boat engine, the group was _____ on the island.
microscope	(noun)	an instrument used for looking at very small objects so that they appear larger	One of the scientists' most important tools is the _____.
mildew	(noun)	a whitish growth produced on organic matter and on plants by fungi	The basement's damp walls were covered in _____.

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moisture	(noun)	a small amount of liquid dispersed in air and appearing as fog or condensed as a dew on a cool surface	These flowers grow best with _____ and shade.
naturalist	(noun)	someone who studies the physical world and everything in it, such as plants and animals	The _____ went on an African safari to study the habits of zebras.
nonviolent	(adjective)	not done with the use of physical force; peaceful	The people participated in _____ protests over the conviction.
opinionated	(adjective)	firmly sticking to one's own view or belief; obstinate	The professor was very _____ and argued with the student.
pensive	(adjective)	absorbed or engrossed in or given to sober thoughtfulness	He looked _____ as he thought about the problem.
perimeter	(noun)	the boundary of a shape or area	We need a fence built around the _____ of the yard.
pitiful	(adjective)	deserving or giving rise to compassion	The dog looked _____ after spending the entire night outside in the rain.
pleasant	(adjective)	giving a sense of happy satisfaction or enjoyment	The nice weather and the beautiful sunset made for a very _____ evening.
plundered	(past tense verb)	taken by robbery, theft, or fraud	The pirates _____ the town when they arrived.
poisonous	(adjective)	having the qualities or effects of a substance that, in the right amounts, can harm or kill a living thing	Be careful you don't eat a _____ plant.
presume	(verb)	to take for granted, assume, or suppose	I _____ you're tired after your drive.
priority	(noun)	something that is more important than other things and need to be dealt with first	Mom said that my top _____ should be getting my homework done.
quality	(noun)	a special or distinguishing attribute; characteristic	His most noticeable _____ is kindness.

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quashed	(past tense verb)	put an end to	The military _____ the revolt within a matter of hours.
ravine	(noun)	a small narrow steep-sided valley that is usually worn down by running water; gorge; gulch	The hiker fell into the _____ and broke his leg.
reveal	(verb)	cause or allow (something) to be seen	The clouds were breaking up to _____ a clear blue sky.
rustic	(adjective)	constructed or made in a plain and simple fashion	The _____ barn was the perfect subject for his painting.
saucepan	(noun)	a deep cooking utensil with a long handle for stewing or boiling	Dad poured the water into the _____ before putting it on the stove.
sediment	(noun)	material or a mass of material deposited (as by water, wind or glaciers)	The _____ at the bottom of the river caused problems for the fish.
settee	(noun)	a medium-sized sofa with arms and a back	They moved the _____ into the small living room.
shrimp	(noun)	a small shellfish that has a long body and legs and that is eaten as food	His favorite dish at the restaurant is fried _____.
terrier	(noun)	a type of small dog now mainly kept as a pet but originally used for hunting	We chose to adopt the small, black _____ from the pound.
thicket	(noun)	a dense growth of shrubbery or small trees	The deer family felt safe from the hunters while hiding in the _____.
tightrope	(noun)	a tightly stretched cord or wire on which acrobats perform	The circus performer carefully moved one step at a time across the _____.
tortoise	(noun)	a turtle- used especially of land-dwelling turtles	I heard that there is a _____ that lived to 125 years old.
tremendous	(adjective)	astonishing due to extreme size, power, greatness or excellence	The doctor felt _____ guilt when the patient died.

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unappealing	(adjective)	lacking interest or charm; plain	The plain cheese sandwich was very _____.
unbearable	(adjective)	not able to be endured	The camper walked through a patch of poison ivy, and the itching was _____.
varsity	(noun)	the main team representing a school or club in a sport or other competition	John was so talented, he played for the _____ team as a freshman.
vertical	(adjective)	perpendicular to the plane of the horizon or to a primary axis; upright	Draw a _____ line on your paper.
vinegar	(noun)	a sour liquid used as a condiment or a preservative and is often seasoned especially with herbs	_____ is often used as a cleaner as well as in cooking.
vocabulary	(noun)	the whole amount of words used by a language, group, or individual	The young girl's _____ grew after her mother started reading to her.
wavelength	(noun)	the distance between successive crests of a wave, especially points in a sound wave or electromagnetic wave	The human eye cannot detect every _____ of light produced.
wistfully	(adverb)	in a thoughtfully sad or mournful manner	The kitten gazed _____ at the butterfly on the other side of the window.
worthwhile	(adjective)	useful, important, or helpful enough to be a suitable reward for the money or time spent or the effort made	The money is for a _____ cause.