

A Wrinkle in Time - Unit Vocabulary

adequacy (noun)	Adequacy is the quality of being good enough or great enough to be acceptable.	There was a concern about the adequacy of their work.
inadequacy (noun)	Inadequacy is the quality of not being good enough or great enough to be acceptable.	The inadequacy of the food served was irritating.
ordinary (adjective)	Ordinary people or things are seen as normal/usual and not special or different in any way.	I strongly suspect that most ordinary people would agree with me.
extraordinary (adjective)	If someone is extraordinary , they have some extremely good or special quality.	The task requires extraordinary patience and effort.
enigma (noun)	If something or someone is an enigma , they are mysterious or difficult to understand.	She remains an enigma .
intentions (noun)	Intentions are the reason/purpose of your attitude or actions.	She questioned their intentions . Did they mean well?
comprehend (verb)	If you can comprehend something, you understand it.	He found it difficult to comprehend their attitude.
misunderstand (verb)	If you misunderstand someone or something, you do not understand them properly.	He was worried that they would misunderstand his intentions.
ostracised (adjective)	If someone is ostracised, they are sent away and people deliberately avoid or exclude them.	She felt ostracised from her friends every lunch time.
connected (adjective)	If one thing is connected with another, there is a link or relationship between them.	On the day of the ceremony, their families became connected .
ambiguous (adjective)	If you something is ambiguous , it is unclear or confusing because it can be understood in more than one way.	This agreement is very ambiguous and open to many interpretations.
obvious (adjective)	If something is obvious , it is easy to see or understand.	His sadness was obvious to everyone in the room.
conventional (adjective)	Someone who is conventional has behaviour or opinions that thought to be ordinary and normal.	Her mother dressed conventionally , wearing nothing unique or unusual.
unconventional (adjective)	If something is unconventional , it is unexpected and different to the usual.	His teaching was unconventional but very engaging.
tangible (adjective)	If something is tangible , it is clear enough or definite enough to be easily seen, measured or noticed.	There is tangible evidence to suggest who is guilty.
intangible (adjective)	Something that is intangible is hard to see, explain or measure.	There are intangible benefits to working here.
essence (noun)	The essence of something is its basic and most important characteristic which makes something what it is.	The essence of her classroom was clear from the smiles of all students.
absence (noun)	Someone's absence from a place is the fact that they are not there.	Everyone could feel her absence .

presence (noun)	Someone's presence in a place is the fact that they are there.	Everyone felt better to see her presence at the meeting.
verbalise (verb)	If you verbalise your feelings, thoughts, or ideas, you express them in words.	Sometimes it was hard for them to verbalise their feelings.
naïve (adjective)	If you describe someone as naïve , they lack experience and so expect things to be easy or people to be honest or kind.	Icarus was naïve to believe that living in captivity on Crete was a good thing.
paradise (noun)	You can refer to a place as a paradise if it seems beautiful or perfect.	It was a paradise of high mountains and white pure beaches.
wasteland (noun)	A wasteland is an area of land on which not much can grow or which has been spoiled in some way.	The pollution had already turned the vast land into a wasteland .
metamorphose (verb)	To metamorphose means to develop and change into something completely different.	Her laughter suddenly metamorphosed into painful tears.
condemn (verb)	If you condemn something, you say that it is very bad and unacceptable.	They were condemned to ten years in jail for their crimes.
creativity (noun)	Creativity is the ability to escape traditional or ordinary ideas and invent new ideas with imagination.	There was a desperate need for creativity in the industry.
purity (noun)	To have purity is to be clean of anything harmful or sinful.	Her purity was noticed by everyone she met.
sacrifice (verb)	If you sacrifice something that is valuable or important, you give it up, usually to obtain something else for yourself or for other people	They sacrificed family life to their careers.
preserve (verb)	If you preserve something, you take action to save it or protect it from damage or decay.	We need to preserve the forest.
uniformity (noun)	If there is uniformity in something, the same rules, ideas, or methods are applied in all parts of it.	The teacher hoped for uniformity in the line.
pride (noun)	Pride is a feeling good about yourself or something you have done.	She wanted to ask for help, but her pride got in the way.
order (noun)	To have order in a situation is for everything to be in the expected place or happen at the correct or expected time.	There was a calming sense of order in the room because everyone had an important role to play.

Year 7 – Abrahamic Tales Vocabulary

omnipotent (adjective)	Someone or something that is omnipotent has complete power over things or people.	Doug lived in the shadow of his seemingly omnipotent father.
ex nihilo (adverb)	If something is ex nihilo , it is from or out of nothing.	At that moment, he created the most wonderful world ex nihilo .
pure (adjective)	Clean and does not contain any harmful substances or morally good.	In remote regions, the air is pure and the crops are free of poisonous insecticides.
creation (noun)	You can refer to something that someone has made as a creation , especially if it shows skill, imagination, or artistic ability.	It was their finest and most beautiful creation .
enchanted (adjective)	If you are enchanted by something, it causes you to have feelings of great delight, almost like being under a spell.	He was enchanted by the beauty of the castle and its grounds.
joyous (adjective)	Joyous means extremely happy.	Their childhood was joyous and carefree: playing in the woods, cycling and crafting everyday.
paradise (noun)	You can refer to a place or situation that seems beautiful or perfect.	It was a paradise of high mountains and white pure beaches.
wasteland (noun)	A wasteland is an area of land on which not much can grow or which has been spoiled in some way.	The pollution has already turned vast areas into a wasteland .
seduced (verb)	If something seduces you, it is so attractive that it makes you do something that you would not otherwise do.	The view of lake and plunging cliffs seduces visitors.
sinful (adjective)	If you describe someone or something as sinful , you mean that they are wicked or immoral.	The town saw him as a sinful man who stole and lied to all.
idyllic (adjective)	If you describe something as idyllic , you mean that it is extremely pleasant, simple, and peaceful without any difficulties or dangers.	It was an idyllic setting for a summer romance.
sanctuary (noun)	A sanctuary is a place where people who are in danger from other people can go to be safe.	His church became a sanctuary for thousands of people who fled the civil war.
cunning (adjective)	Someone who is cunning has the ability to achieve things in a clever way, often by deceiving other people.	Their cunning plan helped them to succeed in escaping, without anyone noticing.
fiendish (adjective)	A fiendish plan, action, or device is very clever or imaginative and often cruel.	This was a fiendish act of wickedness.
ostracise (verb)	If someone is ostracised, they are sent away and people deliberately avoid or exclude them.	They were being ostracised from their group every lunch time.
embrace (verb)	To accept an idea, person or situation happily and start supporting it.	He embraced his new job as a postman happily.

elevate (verb)	When someone or something achieves a more important rank or status, you can say that they are elevated to it.	She was elevated to the post of prime minister.
exile (noun/verb)	If someone is living in exile, they are living in a foreign place because they cannot live in their own place.	He was living in exile .
sacrifice (verb)	If you sacrifice something that is valuable or important, you give it up, usually to obtain something else for yourself or for other people	They sacrificed family life to their careers.
preserve (verb)	If you preserve something, you take action to save it or protect it from damage or decay.	We need to preserve the forest.
loyalty (noun)	Someone who shows loyalty remains firm in their friendship or support for a person or thing.	<i>She'd always shown our family such loyalty.</i>
duty (noun)	Duty is work that you have to do for your job or your role.	My duty is to look after the animals.
endure (verb)	If you endure a painful or difficult situation, you experience it and do not avoid it or give up, usually because you cannot.	They'd never allow their children to have the kind of life or experiences they had to endure .
transient (adjective)	Transient is used to describe a situation that lasts only a short time or is constantly changing.	Fashion is transient
yield (verb)	If you yield to someone or something, you give up and stop resisting them.	She was a karate expert and would never yield in a fight. He found defending too hard and would always yield to a quick striker.
salvation (noun)	The salvation of someone or something is the act of saving them from harm, destruction, or an unpleasant situation.	It became clear that the situation was beyond salvation .
omen (noun)	If you say that something is a good omen, you think it indicates that something good is likely to happen in the future.	People saw it as a good omen .
vulnerable (adjective)	Someone who is vulnerable is weak and without protection, with the result that they are easily hurt physically or emotionally.	Elderly people are often particularly vulnerable members of our society.
invulnerable (adjective)	If someone or something is invulnerable , they cannot be harmed or damaged.	Many students assume that their teachers are invulnerable .

Beowulf - Unit Vocabulary

stability (noun)	If something has stability , it is not likely to change or come to an end suddenly.	Despite the frequent difficulties the child faced the parents showed relentless stability .
instability (noun)	You can describe something as showing instability if it is likely to change suddenly, especially if this creates difficulty or danger.	The instability of his mind meant that he was unpredictable and easily upset by small things.
ostracised (verb)	If someone is ostracised , people deliberately behave in an unfriendly way towards them and do not allow them to take part in any of their social activities.	She complained that she had being ostracised by some members of her local community.
sinful (adjective)	If you describe someone or something as sinful , you mean that they are wicked or immoral.	The town saw him as a sinful man who stole and lied to all.
paradise (noun)	According to some religions, paradise is a wonderful place where people go after they die, if they have led good lives: a beautiful place of perfection.	They felt peace at the idea of dying, believe that they would go to paradise .
wasteland (noun)	A wasteland is an area of land on which not much can grow or which has been spoiled in some way.	The pollution has already turned vast areas into a wasteland .
defile (verb)	To defile something that people think is important means to do something to it which is offensive or destroys it.	He defiled both the church and Christianity when he barbarically destroyed all of the holy documents.
fallible (adjective)	If you say that someone or something is fallible , you mean that they are not perfect and are likely to make mistakes or to fail in what they are doing.	They are only human and all too fallible .
virtuous (adjective)	A virtuous person behaves in a moral and correct way.	They considered her as virtuous because of her great kindness and willingness to help.
purify (verb)	If you purify something, you make it pure by removing any harmful, dirty, or inferior substances from it.	They purified the water by boiling it. She attempted to purify herself by confessing her sins.
salvation (noun)	The salvation of someone or something is the act of saving them from harm, destruction, or an unpleasant situation.	It became clear that the situation was beyond salvation .
embrace (verb)	If you embrace a change, political system, or idea, you accept it and start supporting it or believing in it.	They all embraced their new leader without hesitation or worry.
enchancing (adjective)	If you describe something as enchancing , you mean that they are very attractive or charming.	The castle was so enchancing that they couldn't help but dance.
immoral (adjective)	If you describe someone or their behaviour as immoral , you believe that their behaviour is wrong or bad.	She made a great deal of money stealing from charity she worked for: she was rich but immoral .

suppress (verb)	If you suppress your feelings or reactions, you do not express them, even though you might want to.	Liz thought of Barry and suppressed a smile.
extinguish (verb)	If something extinguishes a feeling or idea, it destroys it. If you extinguish a fire or a light, you stop it burning or shining.	The message extinguished her hopes of Richard's return.
underdog (noun)	The underdog in a competition or situation is the person who seems least likely to succeed or win.	Most of the crowd were cheering for the underdog to win just this one time.
elevate (verb)	When someone or something achieves a more important rank or status, you can say that they are elevated to it.	She was elevated to the post of prime minister.
idolatry (noun)	Someone who practises idolatry worships idols.	Their affection for her soon increased almost to idolatry .
impotent (adjective)	If someone feels impotent, they feel that they have no power to influence people or events.	The aggression of a bully leaves people feeling hurt, angry and impotent.
potent (adjective)	Something that is potent is very effective and powerful.	The medicine is extremely potent, but causes unpleasant side effects.
condemned (verb)	If you condemn something, you say that it is very bad and unacceptable. If you condemn someone you judge them and give them a punishment.	Graham was right to condemn his players for lack of ability, attitude and application. They were condemned to ten years in jail for their crimes.
seduced (verb)	If something seduces you, it is so attractive that it makes you do something that you would not otherwise do.	The view of lake and plunging cliffs seduces visitors.
idealised (verb)	If you describe someone or something is idealised , you see them or their behaviour as perfect.	Many idealistic young men died for king and country during WWI.
pragmatic (adjective)	A pragmatic person deals with things in a practical or realistic way.	She was pragmatic in her choice of boots to go walking in the countryside.
brethren (noun)	You can refer to the members of a particular organization or group, especially a religious group, as brethren.	We must help our brethren, it is our duty.
sacrifice (verb)	If you sacrifice something that is valuable or important, you give it up, usually to obtain something else for yourself or for other people.	They sacrificed family life to their careers.
wield (verb)	If you wield a weapon, tool, or piece of equipment, you carry and use it.	She was wielding a kitchen knife as they attacked.
exalt (verb)	To exalt someone or something means to praise them very highly.	However difficult she might have been, this book exalts her as both mother and inspiration.

kenning (noun)	A kenning is a compressed form of a metaphor originally used in Anglo-Saxon and Norse poetry. It is an object described in a two-word phrase.	For example “ <i>whale-road</i> ” or “ <i>swan-road</i> ” is the sea or “ <i>corpse-maker</i> ” is a sword.
squander (verb)	If you squander money, resources, or opportunities, you waste them.	He had squandered his chances to win.
reconciled (verb)	If you are reconciled with someone, you become friendly with them again after a quarrel or disagreement.	He never believed he and his brother would be reconciled.
martyr (noun)	A martyr is someone who is killed or made to suffer greatly because of their religious or political beliefs, and is admired and respected by people who share those beliefs.	The dead soldier had become a martyr .
lament (verb)	If you lament something, you express your sadness, regret, or disappointment about it.	Ola began to lament the death of her favourite rabbit.

Greek Myths - Unit Vocabulary

mortal (adjective)	If you refer to the fact that people are mortal , you mean that they have to die and cannot live for ever.	A man is deliberately designed to be mortal . He grows, he ages, and he dies.
immortal (adjective)	Someone or something that is immortal will live or last for ever and never die or be destroyed.	The pharaohs were considered gods and therefore immortal .
heroic (adjective)	If you describe a person or their actions as heroic , you admire them because they show extreme bravery.	Their heroic deeds were celebrated across the world, as they continued to save lives.
monstrous (adjective)	If you describe something as monstrous it is huge, powerful or ugly and frightening.	The car was monstrous , you could fit ten people inside. The tiger opened its mouth revealing monstrous fangs.
deceitful (adjective)	Deceitful behaviour is where people deliberately intend to make people believe something which is not true.	Every answer that the thief gave the police officer was deceitful .
over-reacher (noun)	If you say that someone is an overreacher , mean that they try to reach something which is beyond their power.	The whole office saw them as an over-reacher , as they challenged the manager's authority after just two days at the company.
protagonist (noun)	A protagonist in a play, novel, or real event is one of the main people in it.	The protagonist in the Lion King is Simba.
antagonist (noun)	Your antagonist is your opponent or enemy.	The antagonist in the Lion King is Scar.
disobedient (adjective)	If you are disobedient , you deliberately do not do what someone in authority tells you to do.	Her tone was that of a parent to a disobedient child. She was disobedient when she refused to take her shoes off the table when her mum asked her to.
obedient (adjective)	If you are obedient , you do what someone in authority tells you to do.	The dog was very obedient , waiting patiently for permission to eat his food.
tyrannical (noun)	You can use tyrannical to refer to someone who treats the people they rule over in a cruel and unfair way.	History has seen many tyrannical leaders in their countries: Hitler, Mussolini and Stalin to name a few.
misogyny (noun)	Misogyny is a strong dislike or hatred of women.	Not allowing women the vote until 1928 was pure misogyny .
vengeance (noun)	Vengeance is the act of killing, injuring, or harming someone because they have harmed you.	He wanted vengeance on the thief who had stolen his bicycle.
wither (verb)	If someone or something withers , they become very weak.	She watched helplessly as her mother withered away.
vain (adjective)	If you describe someone as vain , you are critical of their extreme pride in their own beauty, intelligence, or other good qualities.	They were so vain that they could not see the greatness in others. No one was as good as them.

immoral (adjective)	If you describe someone or their behaviour as immoral , you believe that their behaviour is wrong or bad.	She made a great deal of money stealing from charity she worked for: she was rich but immoral .
moral (adjective)	A moral person behaves in a way that is believed by most people to be good and right.	My parents were decent, moral people strong values, who gave me a wonderful childhood.
stable (adjective)	If something is stable , it is not likely to change or come to an end suddenly.	Despite the frequent difficulties the child faced the parents remained a stable and loving support.
unstable (adjective)	You can describe something as unstable if it is likely to change suddenly, especially if this creates difficulty or danger.	The man's moods were unstable ; he was unpredictable and easily upset by small things.
stability (noun)	If something has stability , it is not likely to change or come to an end suddenly.	Despite the frequent difficulties the child faced the parents showed relentless stability .
instability (noun)	You can describe something as showing instability if it is likely to change suddenly, especially if this creates difficulty or danger.	The instability of his mind meant that he was unpredictable and easily upset by small things.
captivity (noun)	Captivity is the state of being kept imprisoned or trapped.	Animals in zoos are in a state of captivity .
courageous (adjective)	Someone who is courageous decides to do something difficult or dangerous, even though they may be afraid.	She courageously stood up in front of a crowd of people and began her speech.
oppress (verb)	To oppress people means to treat them cruelly, or to prevent them from having the same opportunities, freedom, and benefits as others.	Ouranos felt he had to oppress the Cyclopes and Hecatoncheires because they were so powerful.
emancipate (verb)	If people are emancipated , they are freed from unpleasant or unfair social, political, or legal restrictions.	Zeus emancipated his brothers from Tartarus. Daedalus' plan was to emancipate himself from captivity on Crete.
naive (adjective)	If you describe someone as naive , you think they lack experience and so expect things to be easy or people to be honest or kind.	Pandora naively opened the box, she had no idea how bad the consequences would be. Icarus was naive to believe that living in captivity on Crete was a good thing.
enchanted (verb)	If you are enchanted by someone or something, they cause you to have feelings of great delight or pleasure, almost like being under a spell.	Hades was enchanted by Persephone's beauty.
superficial (adjective)	If you describe someone as superficial , you disapprove of them because they do not think deeply, and have little understanding of anything serious or important.	This guy is a superficial airhead with no intellect whatsoever.
avaricious (adjective)	An avaricious person is very greedy for money or possessions.	He could never have enough, he had an avaricious and greedy appetite for money.
objectify (verb)	If someone objectifies a person, they treat them as though they are a lifeless object.	She felt objectified as they stared and talked about her, as though she had no feelings or awareness.

exploit (verb)	If you say that someone is exploiting you, you think that they are treating you unfairly by using your work or ideas and giving you very little in return.	King Midas exploits Daedalus by making him work without paying him or allowing him to leave Crete.
manipulate (verb)	If you say that someone manipulates people, you disapprove of them because they skilfully force or persuade people to do what they want.	Hades tries to manipulate Persephone by getting her to eat the pomegranate seeds and trapping her in the Underworld forever.
solitary (adjective)	A person or animal that is solitary spends a lot of time alone.	Paul was a shy, pleasant, solitary man, who often avoided social gatherings.
annihilation (noun)	Annihilation is the total destruction of something or someone.	After the war, many cities faced total annihilation . The football team were completely annihilated 6-0.
duplicitous (adjective)	Someone who is duplicitous is deceitful, they lie and are two faced.	He was duplicitous when he said one thing to his friend's face and then insulted him behind his back.
cunning (adjective)	Someone who is cunning has the ability to achieve things in a clever way, often by deceiving other people.	Their cunning plan helped them to succeed in escaping, without anyone noticing.
foolish (adjective)	If someone's behaviour or action is foolish , it is not sensible and shows a lack of good judgment.	Icarus was foolish to fly so close to the sun, when his wings were secured with wax that could melt.
barbaric (adjective)	If you describe someone's behaviour as barbaric , you strongly disapprove of it because you think that it is extremely cruel or uncivilised.	This barbaric treatment of animals has no place in any decent society. Her treatment of her younger brother bordered on the barbaric .
temptation (noun)	If you feel you want to do something or have something, even though you know you really should avoid it, you can refer to this feeling as temptation .	Although Pandora was forbidden from opening the box, the temptation was too strong.
reconciliation (adjective)	Reconciliation between two people or countries who have quarrelled is the process of their becoming friends again.	Their handshake appeared to be a gesture of reconciliation . There was no reconciliation between Zeus and Prometheus.
faithful (adjective)	Someone who is faithful to a person, organization, idea, or activity remains firm in their belief in them or support for them.	Orpheus would always be a faithful partner to Eurydice, supporting her in life and in death.

Example	Definition	Vocabulary		Definition	Example
She loved the queen and was a British patriot . A Spartan warrior would have been a patriot willing to die for Sparta.	Someone who is a patriot loves their country and feels very loyal towards it	patriot (noun)	traitor (noun)	If someone is a traitor , they betray their country or a group of which they are a member by helping its enemies, especially during time of war.	There were rumours that there was a traitor sending messages to the enemy.
I have disgraced my family's name. I've disgraced myself by the actions I've taken.	If you say that someone disgraces someone else, you are emphasizing that their behaviour causes the other person to feel ashamed.	disgrace (verb)	honour (noun)	Honour means doing what you believe to be right and being confident that you have done what is right.	Spartans believed that it was an honour to die for their city. Athenians saw honour in discussion and debate.
Their childhood was joyous and carefree: playing in the woods, cycling and crafting every day.	Joyous means extremely happy.	joyous (adjective)	desolate (adjective)	If someone is desolate , they feel very sad, alone, and without hope.	He was desolate without her
Brian sided with his sister, which led his mother to accuse him of being disloyal .	Someone who is disloyal to their friends, family, or country does not support them or does things that could harm them.	disloyal (adjective)	loyal (adjective)	Someone who is loyal remains firm in their friendship or support for a person or thing.	<i>She'd always been such a loyal friend to us all.</i>
He was a meek and shy man who rarely spoke up in public.	If you describe a person as meek , you think that they are gentle and quiet, and likely to do what other people say.	meek (adjective)	forthright (adjective)	If you describe someone as forthright , you admire them because they show clearly and strongly what they think and feel.	She was forthright in giving her opinions loudly and clearly for all to hear.

Many <i>idealistic</i> young men died for king and country during WWI.	If you describe someone as <i>idealistic</i> , you mean that they have ideals, and base their behaviour on these ideals, even though this may be impractical.	<i>idealistic</i> (adjective)	<i>pragmatic</i> (adjective)	A <i>pragmatic</i> person deals with things in a practical or realistic way.	She was <i>pragmatic</i> in her choice of boots to go walking in the countryside.
Liz thought of Barry and <i>suppressed</i> a smile.	If you <i>suppress</i> your feelings or reactions, you do not express them, even though you might want to.	<i>suppress</i> (verb)	<i>provoke</i> (verb)	If you <i>provoke</i> someone, you deliberately annoy them and try to make them behave aggressively.	He <i>provoked</i> his friend into shouting with rage.
He was a <i>pious</i> young man who took going to the mosque seriously.	Someone who is <i>pious</i> is very religious and moral.	<i>pious</i> (adjective)	<i>blasphemous</i> (adjective)	You can describe someone who shows disrespect for God or a religion as <i>blasphemous</i> . You can also describe what they are saying or doing as <i>blasphemous</i> .	<i>She was accused of being blasphemous.</i>
Brian sided with his sister, which led his mother to accuse him of being <i>disloyal</i> .	Someone who is <i>disloyal</i> to their friends, family, or country does not support them or does things that could harm them.	<i>compassion</i> (adjective)	<i>indifference</i> (adjective)	Someone who is <i>loyal</i> remains firm in their friendship or support for a person or thing.	<i>She'd always been such a loyal friend to us all.</i>
She was much naughtier than her <i>compliant</i> brother.	If you say that someone is <i>compliant</i> , you mean they willingly do what they are asked to do.	<i>compliant</i> (adjective)	<i>defiant</i> (adjective)	If you say that someone is <i>defiant</i> , you mean they show aggression or independence by refusing to obey someone.	The players are in <i>defiant</i> mood as they prepare for tomorrow's game. She <i>defiantly</i> refused to leave her father's side.

<p>I felt incredibly ashamed of myself for getting so angry. She was ashamed that she looked so shabby</p>	<p>If someone is ashamed, they feel embarrassed or guilty because of something they do or they have done, or because of their appearance.</p>	<p>ashamed (adjective)</p>	<p>proud (adjective)</p>	<p>If you feel proud, you feel pleased about something good that you possess or have done, or about something good that a person close to you has done.</p>	<p>They are proud that she is doing well at school. Derek is now the proud father of a bouncing baby girl.</p>
<p>He was prudent and saved his money for something he really wanted. She was prudent enough to know not to believe gossip and rumours.</p>	<p>Someone who is prudent is sensible and careful.</p>	<p>prudent (adjective)</p>	<p>rash (adjective)</p>	<p>If someone is rash or does rash things, they act without thinking carefully first, and therefore make mistakes or behave foolishly.</p>	<p>Don't do anything rash until you have heard the whole story. Don't make any rash promises you can't keep.</p>
<p>She did what she could to allay her husband's fears.</p>	<p>If you allay someone's fears or doubts, you stop them feeling afraid or doubtful.</p>	<p>allay (verb)</p>	<p>provoke (verb)</p>	<p>If you provoke someone, you deliberately annoy them and try to make them behave aggressively.</p>	<p>I provoked him into doing something really stupid.</p>
<p>Graham was right to condemn his players for lack of ability, attitude and application. They were condemned to ten years in jail for their crimes.</p>	<p>If you condemn something, you say that it is very bad and unacceptable. If you condemn someone you judge them and give them a punishment.</p>	<p>condemn (verb)</p>	<p>elevate (verb)</p>	<p>When someone or something achieves a more important rank or status, you can say that they are elevated to it.</p>	<p>He was elevated to the post of prime minister.</p>
<p>Burning the painting was a contemptible act of vandalism.</p>	<p>If you feel that someone or something is contemptible, you feel</p>	<p>contemptible (adjective)</p>	<p>noble (adjective)</p>	<p>If you say that someone is a noble person, you admire and respect</p>	<p>I wanted so much to believe he was pure and noble.</p>

He was a contemptible traitor.	strong dislike and disrespect for them.			them because they are unselfish and morally good.	The warrior was brave and noble .
He couldn't concentrate on the film, he felt too detached . She had become completely detached from her group of friends recently.	Someone who is detached is not personally involved in something or has no emotional interest in it.	detached (adjective)	passionate (adjective)	A passionate person has very strong feelings about something or a strong belief in something.	He is very passionate about the project. She was a passionate supporter of Manchester United.
She gave a great performance, but she was very humble . Andy was a humble , polite and gentle man.	A humble person is not proud and does not believe that they are better than other people.	humble (adjective)	arrogant (adjective)	Someone who is arrogant behaves in a proud, unpleasant way towards other people because they believe that they are more important than others.	His response to coming top of the class was arrogant . They were the most arrogant family on the street.
Vic was bullied by his father and persecuted by his sisters. They began by brutally persecuting those who were different from themselves.	If someone is persecuted , they are treated cruelly and unfairly, often because of their race or beliefs. If you say that someone is persecuting you, you mean that they are deliberately making your life difficult.	persecute (verb)	martyr (noun)	A martyr is someone who is killed or made to suffer greatly because of their religious or political beliefs, and is admired and respected by people who share those beliefs.	The dead soldier had become a martyr .
He asserted his belief that Bieber was in fact the very best musical	If someone asserts a fact or belief, they state it firmly.	assert (verb)	renounce (verb)	If you renounce a belief or a way of behaving, you decide and declare	You must renounce your old ways of thinking,

artist in the history of the world.				publicly that you no longer have that belief or will no longer behave in that way.	Justin Bieber is not the best singer in the world.
Pupils and teachers both rejoiced at the fact the summer holidays had begun.	If you rejoice , you are very pleased about something and you show it in your behaviour.	rejoice (verb)	lament (verb)	If you lament something, you express your sadness, regret, or disappointment about it.	Ola began to lament the death of her favourite rabbit.
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My duty is to look after the animals.	Duty is work that you have to do for your job.	duty (noun)	obligation (noun)	If you have an obligation to do something, you have to do it even if you do not want to.	When teachers assign homework, students usually feel an obligation to do it.