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| Word              | Student-friendly definition   |
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| orbit p 1         | (of a celestial object or spacecraft) move in orbit around (a star or planet)                       |
| whimper p 1       | a low, sad sound expressive of fear or pain   |
| spectacle p 2     | a visually striking performance or display  |
| exaggerate(d) p 3 | regarded or represented as larger, better, or worse than in reality                                 |
| concern(ed) p 4   | worried, troubled, or anxious   |
| shrill p 5        | high-pitched and piercing   |
| revival p 5       | an improvement in the condition or strength of something  |
| tot(ing) p 6      | carry, wield, or convey   |
| homely p 9        | unattractive in appearance  |
| scolded p 10      | to yell at (someone) angrily  |
| surg(ing) p 12    | (of a crowd or a natural force) move suddenly and powerfully forward or upward                      |
| abandon(er) p 14  | someone who stops looking after (someone); desert.  |
| scoot(ed) p 16    | go or leave somewhere quickly   |
| gawk p 17         | stare openly and stupidly   |
| unfurl(ed) p 18   | make or become spread out from a rolled or folded state, especially in order to be open to the wind |


  
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| rap(ped) p 20       | strike (a hard surface) with a series of rapid audible blows, especially in order to attract attention                                  |
| splintery p 24      | to produce or break into splinters.   |
| poverty p 24        | the state of being extremely poor   |
| plait p 24          | a single length of hair or other flexible material made up of three or more interlaced strands; a braid.                                |
| recreation p 28     | activity done for enjoyment when one is not working   |
| nipple(d) p 33      | to be extremely close to someone  |
| rumbl(ing) p 34     | make a continuous deep, loud sound  |
| bleakish p 35       | bare desolate   |
| suspicious(ly) p 35 | with a cautious distrust of someone or something  |
| fugitive p 36       | a person who has escaped from a place or is in hiding, especially to avoid arrest or persecution  |
| sorrow p 40         | a feeling of deep distress caused by loss, disappointment, or other misfortune suffered by oneself or others                            |
| retreat(ed) p 46    | (of an army) withdraw from enemy forces as a result of their superior power or after a defeat   |
| indignant p 57      | feeling or showing anger or annoyance at what is perceived as unfair treatment  |
| militant p 57       | combative and aggressive in support of a political or social cause, and typically favoring extreme, violent, or confrontational methods |
| inseparable p 60    | unable to be split apart or treated individually  |
| refrain(ed) p 66    | to stop oneself from doing something  |


  
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| beckon(ed) p 70         | make a gesture with the hand, arm, or head to encourage someone to come nearer or follow                         |
| heave(d) p 71           | to produce a big sigh  |
| baffle(d) p 78          | totally bewilder or perplex, confused  |
| treason p 79            | the crime of betraying one's country, especially by attempting to kill the sovereign or overthrow the government |
| begrudging(ly) p 91     | not wanting to do something  |
| amiss p 93              | something not quite right, out of place  |
| flummox(ed) p 120       | bewildered, perplexed, confused  |
| patrol(led) p 128       | to keep watch over an area   |
| excursion p 153         | a short journey or trip for leisure  |
| uncomprehend(ing) p 153 | showing or having an inability to understand something   |
| admir(ed) p 156         | regard (an object, quality, or person) with respect or warm approval   |
| turpentine p 173        | a oil distilled from gum turpentine or pine wood, used in mixing paints and varnishes and in liniment            |
| brandish(ed) p 193      | wave or flourish (something, especially a weapon) as a threat or in anger or excitement                          |
| disperse(d) p 196       | distribute or spread over a wide area  |
| erupt(ed) p 213         | (of a volcano) become active and eject lava, ash, and gases  |