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Word	Student-friendly definition
scuffle p 1	move in a hurried, confused, or awkward way, making a rustling or shuffling sound
obses(sion) p 1	the state of being focused with someone or something
brutal p 2	savagely violent
excursion p 2	a short journey or trip, especially one engaged in as a leisure activity
expedition p 2	a journey or voyage undertaken by a group of people with a particular purpose, especially that of exploration, scientific research, or war
strenuous p 2	requiring or using great exertion
diverse p 4	showing a great deal of variety; very different
indigenous p 4	originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native
vibrant p 4	full of energy and enthusiasm
parishioner p 4	an inhabitant of a parish, especially one who belongs to or attends a particular church
inseparable p 5	unable to be separated or treated separately
hover p 7	remain in one place in the air
impressive p 9	causing admiration through size, quality, or skill; grand, imposing, or awesome
torrential p 9	(of rain) falling rapidly and in large quantities

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deluge p 10	a severe flood
junction p 15	a point where two or more things are joined
allure p 17	the quality of being powerfully and mysteriously attractive or fascinating
sterile p 17	free from bacteria or other living microorganisms; totally clean
tromp p 17	walk heavily; trudge
torrent(s) p 22	a strong and fast-moving stream of water or other liquid
pummel(ing) p 23	strike repeatedly with the fists
anguish p 24	severe mental or physical pain or suffering
decompose(d p 30)	(with reference to a dead body or other organic matter) make or become rotten; decay or cause to decay
fatigue p 32	extreme tiredness resulting from mental or physical exertion or illness
indescrib(able) p 35	too unusual, extreme, or indefinite to be adequately described
venture p 36	dare to do something or go somewhere that may be dangerous or unpleasant
reputation p 41	the beliefs or opinions that are generally held about someone or something
persistence p 41	firm or obstinate continuance in a course of action in spite of difficulty or opposition
adversity p 41	difficulties; misfortune
treacherous p 41	guilty of or involving betrayal or deception

  
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orient p 46	align or position (something) relative to the points of a compass or other specified positions
reluctant p 52	unwilling and hesitant; disinclined
conserve p 53	protect (something, especially an environmentally or culturally important place or thing) from harm or destruction
succumb(ing) p 54	fail to resist pressure, temptation, or some other negative force
squadron p 61	an operational unit in an air force consisting of two or more flights of aircraft and the personnel required to fly them
dense p 64	closely compacted in substance
hospitable p 69	friendly and welcoming to strangers or guests
notorious p 73	famous or well known, typically for some bad quality or deed
eddy p 75	(of water, air, or smoke) move in a circular way
pummel(ing) p 80	strike repeatedly with the fists
perilous p 80	full of danger or risk
ferocious p 90	savagely fierce, cruel, or violent
ingenuity p 94	the quality of being clever, original, and inventive
desolate p 104	(of a place) deserted of people and in a state of bleak and dismal emptiness
recede p 110	go or move back or further away from a previous position
rivet(ed) p 136	hold (someone or something) fast so as to make them incapable of movement
elation p 136	great happiness and exhilaration


  
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futile p 136	incapable of producing any useful result; pointless
painstaking(ly) p 163	with great care and thoroughness
catastrophic p 164	involving or causing sudden great damage or suffering
harrow(ing) p 189	acutely distressing
fumbling p 194	doing or handling something clumsily
grueling p 205	extremely tiring and demanding
scrawl p 205	write (something) in a hurried, careless way
meander(ing) p 208	following a winding course
indescribably p 213	too unusual, extreme, or indefinite to be adequately described