

2021-2022-3rd Grade-List 1

Name: _____

ample

adjective

aem pəl

sufficient or more than sufficient in size, capacity, or amount.

I had ample time to finish the test.

The closet has ample space for coats.

There was an ample supply of food for the winter.

synonyms: abundant, adequate, big, bountiful, considerable, copious, large, plentiful, spacious, substantial, sufficient

antonyms: exiguous, insufficient, meager, scant, scanty, small

related words: bounteous, buxom, chubby, corpulent, fat, plentiful, plenty, portly, sufficient, tidy

anxious

adjective

aenk shihs

1. feeling uneasiness, worry, or dread.

I'm always anxious before an interview.

synonyms: disquieted, distressed, troubled, uneasy, worried

antonyms: calm, insouciant, lighthearted, nonchalant

2. eager.

She was anxious to succeed in the new job.

He'd been away a long time and was now anxious to return home.

synonyms: eager

antonyms: loath

3. very concerned.

Her parents were naturally anxious about her injury.

synonyms: solicitous, worried

antonyms: carefree, unconcerned

related words: afraid, agog, clammy, enthusiastic, jumpy, neurotic, queasy, restless, shy, tense

avalanche

noun

ae və **laench**

1. the sudden rush of a large quantity of snow, ice, or rocks down a mountain.

The mountain village was buried in the avalanche.

synonyms: landslide, snowslide

2. the sudden and overwhelming influx of anything.

The radio station received an avalanche of telephone calls after the broadcast.

synonyms: deluge, flood, inundation, spate

related words: cascade, cataract, torrent

intransitive verb

to fall or come down suddenly, as in an avalanche.

The library's bookshelves avalanched as the building shook.

synonyms: fall

transitive verb

to inundate or overwhelm with a large amount of something.

The TV station was avalanched with letters of protest from viewers.

synonyms: flood, inundate, overwhelm

blaze¹

noun

bleIz

1. an intense flame or light.

They watched as their house was engulfed in a blaze of a fire.

She turned her eyes away from the blaze of the noonday sun.

synonyms: flame, flare

2. a sudden, intense fire, or an outburst of fire or emotion.

Many brave firefighters lost their lives in the blaze.

Lightning started the blaze in the forest.

Her accusation ignited a blaze of passion and anger.

synonyms: explosion

3. an intense display, usually of color.

Visitors from the city come up to see the blaze of autumn leaves.

synonyms: flame, glow, radiance

related words: burn, conflagration, fire, flame, glow

intransitive verb

1. to burn or shine with or as though with fire.

The logs blazed in the fireplace.

Her eyes blazed with hatred.

synonyms: burn, flame, glow

2. to erupt or flare up.

When he realized he'd been cheated, his temper blazed.

synonyms: erupt, explode, flare

3. to shoot firearms rapidly and steadily.

All guns blazed as the geese flew overhead.

related words: burn, catch, dazzle, glow, sparkle, twinkle

blaze²

noun

bleɪz

1. a spot or mark on a tree, often made with paint, that usually indicates a trail.
2. a white or light mark on the face of a cow or horse.

transitive verb

1. to mark (trees), or to indicate (something) by so marking them.

We blazed a trail.

2. to lead in making or opening, as a new pathway in knowledge.

Their research blazes the way for the development of a new biology.

synonyms: lead, open

related words: pioneer

blaze³

transitive verb

bleɪz

to proclaim or advertise.

The headlines blazed news of a battle.

synonyms: advertise, blare, proclaim

related words: post

blossom

noun

blɑː səm

1. the flowering part of a plant which forms a seed or fruit.

The apple trees are full of white blossoms in the spring.

synonyms: bloom, flower, inflorescence

2. the state of flowering (usually preceded by "in").

The orchards are in blossom now.

synonyms: bloom, efflorescence, flower, inflorescence

intransitive verb

1. to produce flowers.

The apple trees blossom before they grow fruit.

synonyms: bloom, flower

2. to grow and flourish.

The child blossomed in the warmth of her teacher's attention.

synonyms: flourish, flower, thrive

antonyms: decline

related words: develop, grow up, open, produce, succeed

dew

noun

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1. water droplets that collect, usually at night, on cool surfaces.

Drops of dew sparkled on the flower petals.

2. a collection of droplets resembling dew.

related words: damp, moisture

transitive verb

to moisten or become moist with or as with dew.

dilute

transitive verb

dih **lut** [or] **daI lut**

1. to make (a solution) thinner or less concentrated by adding more solvent.

antonyms: concentrate

2. to reduce the strength, power, or efficiency of, especially by adding something else.

She diluted the wine with water.

We diluted the criticism with encouragement.

antonyms: strengthen

related words: thin, vitiate, weaken

intransitive verb

to become weaker or less concentrated.

adjective

decreased in concentration or strength, especially as a result of adding something else; diluted.

antonyms: concentrated

related words: diffuse

douse¹

transitive verb

daUs

1. to place or plunge in water or another liquid; immerse.

After she burned her finger, she doused it in cold water.

synonyms: dunk, immerse, soak, souse, submerge

2. to throw water or another liquid on; splash or drench.

He'd obviously doused himself with cologne and the smell was quite overpowering.

We doused the burning embers before we left the camp.

synonyms: drench, soak, souse

3. to turn off or extinguish (a light or flame).

Smoke filled the air as firefighters doused the flames.

Douse the houselights at my signal before the play starts.

synonyms: cut, quench, snuff out, switch off

antonyms: kindle

related words: bathe, dim, flush, quench, submerge, wash

intransitive verb

to submerge or be submerged in water or another liquid.

synonyms: dunk, soak, steep, submerge

related words: soak

douse²

verb

daUz

variant of dowse.

drizzle

transitive verb & intransitive verb

drI zəl

to rain lightly but continuously.

related words: precipitate, rain, spray, sprinkle

noun

a light, continuous rain.

related words: precipitate

expert

noun

ek spɜrt

one who is very skilled in or knowledgeable about a particular thing.

He is an expert on the history of the American West.

You should call in an expert to help you with your computers.

synonyms: ace, adept, master, master hand, old hand, whiz

antonyms: amateur, beginner, novice

related words: adviser, judge, mind, phenomenon

adjective

1. very skilled or knowledgeable.

Our riding coach is an expert horseman.

This furniture was made by an expert craftsman.

synonyms: accomplished, adept, experienced, knowledgeable, master, proficient, skilled

antonyms: amateur, incompetent, inexperienced

2. of or pertaining to special skills or knowledge.

She gave us expert help with our project.

We need some expert advice on how to sell our product.

synonyms: skilled, specialized

related words: advisory, artistic, experienced, versed

gleeful

adjective

gli fəl

exuberantly joyful; merry.

related words: buoyant, cheerful, elated, glad, happy, jolly, merry

humidity

noun

hyu **mI** dih ti

1. dampness or moistness, as of the atmosphere.
2. the amount of water vapor in the air, relative to the greatest amount possible at a given temperature; relative humidity.

related words: fog, wet

muffle

transitive verb

muh fəl

1. to wrap or cover, as for warmth, protection, or privacy (often followed by "up").

synonyms: cover, envelop, swathe, wrap

2. to deaden (sound), often by using a covering, wrapping, or other device.

The silencer muffled the gunshot.

The thick forest muffled our shouts.

synonyms: deaden

3. to wrap or cover in order to deaden sound from or of.

He muffled the gun in a blanket.

synonyms: insulate

related words: baffle, clothe, disguise, gag, quiet, still, subdue, suppress, tuck, wrap

noun

1. that which muffles.
2. a part of a furnace or kiln used to bake or fire something such as pottery without direct contact with the fire.

novice

noun

na vihs

1. a person with little or no experience, especially in a work situation; beginner.

The job was a tricky one and the boss didn't want to risk handing it over to a novice.

I could use some help because I'm still a novice at using this machine.

synonyms: apprentice, beginner, fledgling, freshman, greenhorn, neophyte, rookie, tenderfoot, tyro

antonyms: expert, old hand, veteran

2. a new member of a religious order who is undergoing a period of testing before

taking vows.

Some of the rules that the nuns lived by were difficult for her when she'd been a young novice.

synonyms: novitiate, postulant

related words: acolyte, amateur, apprentice, convert, innocent

pauper

noun

paʊ pər

an extremely poor person, especially one who must live on public charity.

Widowed and disabled, she became a pauper living on hand-outs.

related words: mendicant, wretch

transitive verb

to cause to be a pauper; impoverish.

sizzle

intransitive verb

sɪ zəl

1. to make the hissing or crackling sound of frying fat or oils.
2. (informal) to be extremely hot, as weather or something exposed to intense sunlight.
3. (informal) to be emotionally heated, as in anger or passion.

related words: boil

noun

a sound like that of frying fat.

skilled

adjective

skɪld

1. having skill.

a skilled carpenter

synonyms: able, accomplished, adept, proficient, versed

antonyms: unskilled, unskillful

2. requiring skill.

skilled work

synonyms: expert, specialized

antonyms: unskilled

related words: adept, artistic, competent, consummate, conversant, experienced, good, handy, master, masterful, qualified, strong

smolder (smoulder)

intransitive verb

smol dər

1. to burn slowly and with smoke, but little or no flame.

The campfire smoldered until morning.

2. to be present or continue in a subdued or hidden state, as an emotion.

Their resentment smoldered for a long time before they sought marriage counseling.

3. to have or show intense, suppressed emotion.

His face smoldered with fury.

related words: burn, fume

noun

the dense smoke that results from a fire that burns slowly and with little or no flame.

torrent

noun

taw rənt [or] **ta** rənt

1. a heavy, turbulent flow of water, as in a rushing stream, a flood, or a downpour.

The torrent caused the old dam to break.

synonyms: cascade, cataract, cloudburst, deluge, downpour, flood, waterfall

antonyms: trickle

2. a similar flow of anything.

A torrent of abusive language came from his father's mouth.

synonyms: cascade, deluge, flood, outpouring, rush, spate

related words: blaze, deluge, downfall, downpour, flood, ocean

trigger

noun

trɪ gər

1. a small lever that when pressed or pulled causes a firearm to fire, or a similar lever on another device or machine.

He accidentally pulled the trigger and the gun went off.

2. an event or action that causes another action to take place.

This massacre of innocent people was one of the triggers of the revolution.

transitive verb

1. to cause, begin, or set off (an action or series of actions).

The earthquake triggered the tsunami.

Getting fired from his job triggered his rage.

Do you know exactly what triggers your allergy symptoms?

2. to cause (a gun, bomb, or the like) to fire or explode.

Police are investigating what triggered the explosion in the office building.

related words: activate, actuate, discharge, initiate

triumph

noun

traI uhmf

1. the act, condition, or fact of achieving a great victory or success.

Her discovery was a triumph in the field of medicine.

The battle of Austerlitz was a triumph for Napoleon.

synonyms: achievement, conquest, success, victory

antonyms: defeat

2. the sense of joy or elation resulting from such an achievement.

Triumph was obvious in the tone of his voice.

synonyms: exultation

antonyms: disappointment

related words: jubilee

intransitive verb

1. to achieve a great victory or success.

Her courage allowed her to triumph.

synonyms: conquer, win

antonyms: fail, lose

2. to feel joy or exhilaration because of this achievement.

The team triumphed for days after the competition.

synonyms: exult

3. to prevail against something or overcome difficulties.

She triumphed over her handicaps.

synonyms: prevail

antonyms: lose, succumb

related words: glory

victory

noun

vɪk t̩ ri

1. success in a struggle against an enemy, opponent, or obstacle.

One more victory and she'll be eligible for the finals.

Learning to walk again was a tremendous victory for him.

The candidate's supporters celebrated her victory.

synonyms: success, triumph

antonyms: defeat, failure

2. the final, decisive defeat of an enemy in a battle, war, or contest.

At that point in the war, victory over the enemy seemed impossible.

synonyms: conquest, triumph

antonyms: defeat

related words: first, massacre

wary

adjective

wɛr i

1. on watchful guard against threat, danger, or trickery; cautious.

Getting cheated in the past has caused him to become wary.

They taught their children to be wary of strangers on their way home from school.

synonyms: careful, cautious, chary, watchful

antonyms: adventuresome, heedless, naive, unwary

2. caused or characterized by watchful caution.

The new prisoner had a wary look.

synonyms: cautious, guarded

antonyms: daring, unguarded

related words: afraid, calculating, canny, careful, circumspect, discreet, gingerly, prudent, suspicious

wealthy

adjective

wel thi

having wealth; rich; affluent.

synonyms: affluent, moneyed, prosperous, rich

antonyms: impecunious, indigent, necessitous, needy, penniless, penurious,
poor

wilt (wilted)

intransitive verb

wilt

1. to lose freshness and become limp, as plant matter.

The flowers were beautiful when they arrived, but they wilted quickly.

synonyms: droop, flag, wither

antonyms: flourish, thrive

2. to lose energy, hope, ability, or the like; droop.

The runners wilted in the heat and humidity.

I thought I was ready to ask for a promotion, but I wilted when I was face-to-face with my boss.

synonyms: droop, fade, flag, languish, shrivel

related words: droop, fade, stew

transitive verb

to cause to lose freshness, strength, energy, or the like.

The heat wilted the flowers.

synonyms: shrivel

noun

1. the act of wilting, or the condition of being wilted.

synonyms: droop, flagging, withering

2. any of several disorders, such as disease or moisture shortage, that cause a plant's parts to become wilted.