



Word List

Study the definitions of the words. Then do the exercises that follow.

arrogant
ar' ə gənt*adj.* Showing too much pride in oneself.You were **arrogant** to claim that you knew all the answers.**arrogance** *n.* A feeling of too much pride in oneself.
Declaring that you are sure to win is another example of your **arrogance**.**boycott**
boi' kät*v.* To join others in refusing to deal with a person or group.Customers plan to **boycott** that store if it continues to overcharge.*n.* The act of boycotting.The fans called off their **boycott** when the teams agreed to lower ticket prices.**campaign**
kam pän'*n.* 1. A series of actions intended to accomplish a goal.Picking up litter was the first step in the **campaign** to clean up the town center.

2. A series of military actions in a particular area.

General Sherman's four-month-long Atlanta **campaign** ended with the fall of that city on September 2, 1864.*v.* To take part in actions planned to accomplish a particular goal.Students who wish to **campaign** for class office must submit petitions.**ceremony**
ser' ə mō nē*n.* A formal event held in honor of a special occasion.The bride and groom exchanged rings during the wedding **ceremony**.**custody**
kus' tə də*n.* 1. Control over and responsibility for care.Following a divorce, each parent may want **custody** of the children.

2. In the keeping of the police; in jail.

The new officer took the thief into **custody**.**degrade**
dē grād'*v.* To bring shame or disgrace upon.By lying to cover up his cheating, Sam **degraded** himself even more.**degrading** *adj.* Causing shame or disgrace.Losing the trophy because one player had taken a bribe was a **degrading** experience.**detain**
dē tān'*v.* To stop or hold; to keep from going on.The customs officers **detained** us while they searched our bags.

extend *ek stend'* *v.* 1. To reach out.
The conductor **extended** her arms as a signal to the orchestra to be ready.

2. To offer.
I wish to **extend** my apologies for behaving so badly.

3. To make longer.
The exhibition was so popular that the museum decided to **extend** it by a week.

4. To stretch or lie.
The property **extends** for a half mile beyond the river.

integrate *in' tə grāt* *v.* To unite into a whole; especially to end the separation of races.
In 1948, President Truman **integrated** the armed forces of the United States.

integration *n.* (*in tə grā' shən*) The act of uniting or bringing together, especially people of different races.
In the 1950s many people opposed the **integration** of restaurants and other public places.

segregate *seg' rə gāt* *v.* To keep separate or apart.
Ranchers **segregate** sick animals from the herd to prevent diseases from spreading.

segregation *n.* (*seg rə gā' shən*) The act of keeping separate or apart.
One of the goals of the Civil Rights Movement was to end racial **segregation** in the United States.

supreme *sə prēm'* *adj.* 1. The highest in rank or position.
Saddam Hussein was the **supreme** ruler of Iraq until his overthrow in 2003.

2. Of the greatest importance.
The mayor declared that eliminating homelessness was the **supreme** challenge for the city.

triumph *trī' əmf* *n.* 1. A noteworthy success.
Helen Keller's graduation from college was a **triumph**.

2. The joy winning brings.
The dancer who was invited to audition shot a look of **triumph** at those who were not so lucky.

v. To win.
The winner of the national spelling bee **triumphed** over forty-nine other contestants.

triumphant *adj.* (*trī um' fənt*) Joyful over a victory or success.
The **triumphant** skater was given a hero's welcome on her return from the Olympic Games.

vacate *vā' kāt* *v.* To make empty, as by leaving.
We will **vacate** the house at the end of June to make way for the people moving in.

verdict
vɜr' dikt

n. 1. The decision reached at the end of a trial.

The foreman looked grim as she announced the **verdict**.

2. A judgment or opinion.

The **verdict** on the new computer is that it does twice the work in half the time.

violate
vī' ə lāt

v. 1. To break, as a law or a promise.

Working for another research company **violates** the agreement she made with her previous employer.

2. To treat in an improper or disrespectful way.

The vandals who **violated** the cemetery by knocking over gravestones had to restore it.

violation *n.* (vī ə lā' shən) A breaking of or failing to keep something like a law or a promise.

Revealing the secret to your friends was a **violation** of the trust placed in you.