

Tier 2 words worksheet 1

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The sentences below each contain a word in bold. Read the sentence and then write down what you think the bold word means.

The government decided to **abolish** some old and unfair laws.

It would be **absurd** to think the moon was really made of cheese.

Bina **alternates** with Pamesh in cooking the dinner.

Fred is very **ambitious** and wants to be rich one day.

One day Bob hopes to be a professional artist but at the moment he is only an **amateur**.

Betty was **anxious** as she waited to see the dentist.

Mrs. Petch **appreciated** her neighbour's help when her car wouldn't start.

They took a **brisk** walk around the park before it got too cold.

Fred was **cautious** as he drove on the icy road.

War ended after both armies **ceased** firing.

Pat did not want to go into the room and **clutched** his father's hand nervously.

It was **compassionate** of Polly to rescue the injured hedgehog.

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The sentences below each contain a word in bold. Read the sentence and then write down what you think the bold word means.

It is **crucial** that mountain climbers take the right equipment.

I enjoyed our holiday **despite** the horrible weather.

Bevis put a rug in front of the door to keep out the cold **draught**.

It was very late in the evening and Garth felt **drowsy** on the long train journey,

Laura was supposed to calm Frank and Diana down but she actually **escalated** their argument.

Flour is an **essential** ingredient of bread.

I **exchanged** my old phone for a new one.

My gran **glared** at Gina when she ate with her mouth open.

When Adrian saw the **harsh** weather outside, he decided to stay indoors.

Tom was **hesitant** to get up on the stage but once he started, he gave a beautiful speech.

As the rain got worse, the family **huddled** under the umbrella.

Jane and Sue were disappointed to find that they had worn **identical** outfits to the wedding.

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The police officer was able to **identify** the man who had burgled Kelly's house.

I am sure Bill has written an exciting story but I haven't read it because his handwriting is **illegible**.

The old lamp was only strong enough to **illuminate** a corner of the room.

An **immense** wave knocked the boat over.

Harry was not paying attention as he wandered in the woods and was soon **isolated** from the rest of the group.

Kris **nestled** her head on his shoulder.

Nip the dog is usually very **obedient** but did not stop chasing the cat when I called him.

Mr. Ferguson **opposed** the idea of using his classroom for the art club because nobody ever tidied up properly afterwards.

Dad squeezed into the playhouse and **perched** on a tiny stool.

The light grey paint was Dad's **preferred** choice.

The remains of the ancient Roman wall are still well **preserved** in many parts.

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The sentences below each contain a word in bold. Read the sentence and then write down what you think the bold word means.

As soon as the first firework went up, Fluffy raced upstairs and spent the rest of the night **quivering** under a table.

The train driver made an announcement to **reassure** passengers that the train would start moving soon.

Driving at night **requires** extra concentration.

Although they are twins, they do not **resemble** each other.

During the war, many types of food became **scarce**.

The police officer quickly **seized** the man's weapon.

Moonlight **shimmered** on the surface of the lake.

Uncle Pete was not very **sympathetic** when I fell off my bike and grazed my knee.

The train was not going any further so we all **transferred** to a replacement bus service.

The team were encouraged by the **tremendous** crowd that had turned up to watch them play.

Stanley was only able to get rid of the dirt after he gave the floor a **vigorous** cleaning.

She was **unwilling** to give up her seat to the old man and pretended not to notice him by the doorway.
