

# 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.

I nearly fell over when the train came to an **abrupt** stop.

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Over the years, my uncle has **acquired** a large collection of old comics.

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The lemon was no longer ripe and had an **acrid** taste.

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Warren practises the guitar every day. He **aspires** to be a rock star when he is older.

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“Get out of the tree!” Brian’s grandfather **bellowed** across the field.

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We were totally **bewildered** by the instructions and did not know how to programme the computer.

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The wolf is a **canine** animal.

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The earthquake was the worst **catastrophe** that had happened to the island for over a hundred years.

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After reading a fantastic book, Matt was **compelled** to tell all of his friends about it.

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John is a **competent** artist and can easily draw recognisable pictures of people.

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I asked three mechanics to look at my car and they all **concurred** that it could not be repaired.

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I was certain that there were no useful ingredients in the cupboard but Ian **conjured** up a delicious three-course meal.

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Gary spent most of the morning **dawdling** so the room was barely any tidier three hours later.

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After three days lost in the forest, Dylan **devoured** the first proper meal she was given.

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Kim forgot to phone her parents to let them know she had arrived safely and they became **distraught**.

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After the shipwreck, the **famished** sailor could think of nothing else but food.

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Jim was **flabbergasted** when he was told how cheap the machine was.

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The **formidable** climb to the top of the mountain had cost many climbers their lives.

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“Stand up straight and stop **hunching**.” Nan snapped.

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Caroline was so **infuriated** by Fred’s behaviour that she had to go for a walk.

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The judge was supposed to be **impartial** but he clearly did not like Uncle Bert.

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It took a long time to get into town because traffic was **impeded** by thick snow.

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Jeb was an **infamous** outlaw and reward posters featuring his face could be found in every sheriff's office across the land.

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Vera did not come out and accuse me of stealing the clock but she **insinuated** that I had something to do with it.

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The gang tried to **intimidate** the shop keeper into giving them the money.

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George won the lottery but has such a **lavish** lifestyle I wouldn't be surprised if he was penniless within a year.

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The crocodile **lurked** below the water, waiting for an unlucky animal to wander past.

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After the ship sank, he was **marooned** on the island.

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Mike was overcome with **melancholy** when his grandparents had to board the plane.

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Because the plumber had been **negligent**, the pipes started to leak as soon as the water was turned on.

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The town had many **noteworthy** features including a Norman castle and a Roman wall.

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The cat was **notorious** for destroying all of the flowerbeds in the neighbourhood.

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The **obnoxious** children in the train carriage shouted, played loud music and threw rubbish around.

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For many years, the people were **oppressed** by a ruthless king who would not allow them to read books or visit other countries.

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Yancy was **pelted** with snowballs as soon as he came out of hiding.

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Betty **plagued** her older brother with endless questions on the bus journey.

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The **predatory** salesman tried to sell us a broken car.

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The cool water **quenched** my thirst.

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The king **relinquished** his throne and the people were able to govern themselves.

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The boat was **robust** enough to survive the strong waves.

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Dennis shirked his **responsibilities** all day and so there was a lot to do when we got home.

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“I’ve got the answer!” Scarlett and Rory called **simultaneously**.

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When Holly was sent to her room, she glared back at us with a **sullen** look.

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By some miracle, Leonard emerged from the wreck of the boat completely **unscathed**.

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Jason was a very **vindictive** man who chopped down his neighbour’s tree after they had forgotten to return his lawnmower.

Ryan is taking courses for his **vocation** as a computer programmer.

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Peter **wincing** when he felt the needle for the injection.

Olivia had to face the **wrath** of her brothers after she sold their comic

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Olivia had to face the **wrath** of her brothers after she sold their comic collection.

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