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Word	Student-friendly definition
obnoxious p 3	extremely unpleasant
flex p 8	(with reference to a limb or joint) bend or become bent
hunch(ed) p 11	raise (one's shoulders) and bend the top of one's body forward
abandon(ed) p 12	having been deserted or cast of
scatter(ed) p 13	occurring or found at intervals or various locations rather than all together
inspect(s) p 15	look at (someone or something) closely, typically to assess their condition or to discover any shortcomings
ration p 18	allow each person to have only a fixed amount of (a particular commodity)
dictator p 18	a ruler with total power over a country, typically one who has obtained control by force
impale p 21	pierce or transfix with a sharp instrument.
meander p 21	(of a river or road) follow a winding course.
trembling p 22	shaking or quivering, typically as a result of anxiety, excitement, or frailty
entourage p 23	a group of people attending or surrounding an important person.
craning p 32	stretch out one's body or neck in order to see something.
periodically p 32	from time to time; occasionally

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deflat(ing) p 46	cause (someone) to suddenly lose confidence or feel less important
hyperactive p 55	abnormally or extremely active
glint p 58	give out or reflect small flashes of light
scamper(ing) p 58	(especially of a small animal or child) run with quick light steps, especially through fear or excitement
cascade p 60	(of water) pour downward rapidly and in large quantities
tromp p 66	walk heavily; trudge
writhing p 70	making twisting, squirming movements or contortions of the body
incompetent p 79	not having or showing the necessary skills to do something successfully.
malicious p 79	characterized by malice; intending or intended to do harm
disband(ed) p 83	(of an organized group) break up or cause to break up and stop functioning
devour(ed) p 94	eat (food or prey) hungrily or quickly.
sentry p 95	a soldier stationed to keep guard or to control access to a place
pessimistic p 96	tending to see the worst aspect of things or believe that the worst will happen
charitable p 103	relating to the assistance of those in need.
gnash p 112	grind (one's teeth) together, typically as a sign of anger
taint(ed) p 116	contaminate or pollute (something).
sabotage p 117	deliberately destroy, damage, or obstruct (something), especially for political or military advantage

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obliterate(d) p 119	destroy utterly; wipe out.
maniacal p	exhibiting extremely wild or violent behavior
trouncing p 126	defeat heavily in a contest
unnerving p 138	causing one to lose courage or confidence; disconcerting.
lackluster p 141	lacking in vitality, force, or conviction; uninspired or uninspiring.
gorge(d) p 141	eat a large amount greedily; fill oneself with food.
camaraderie p 143	mutual trust and friendship among people who spend a lot of time together
impending p 159	(of an event regarded as threatening or significant) be about to happen
mercifully p 169	to one's great relief; fortunately.
dubious p 183	not to be relied upon; suspect
endure p 201	remain in existence; last
enveloped p 226	wrap up, cover, or surround completely
gleam(ing) p 238	(of a smooth surface) reflecting light, typically because very clean or polished.
lumber(ing) p 245	moving in a slow, heavy, awkward way.
scamper(s) p 249	(especially of a small animal or child) run with quick light steps, especially through fear or excitement
heave p 259	lift or haul (a heavy thing) with great effort
demolish p 262	pull or knock down (a building).
umbers p 267	a natural pigment resembling but darker than ocher, normally dark yellowish-brown in color