

Definitions

You were introduced to the words below in the passage on pages 56–57. Study the spelling, pronunciation, part of speech, and definition of each word. Write the word on the line in the sentence. Then read the synonyms and antonyms.

1. border

(bôr' dôr)

(n.) the outer edge of an object; the line where two parts meet

We crossed the _____ into Canada.

(v.) to be next to or near something; to touch at the edge

One city can _____ a number of small towns.

SYNONYM: (n.) boundary

2. certain

(sûr' tân)

(adj.) having no doubt; sure

I am _____ I locked the door.

SYNONYMS: positive, confident, definite, fixed, settled, agreed
ANTONYMS: uncertain, unsure, indefinite

3. clasp

(klasp)

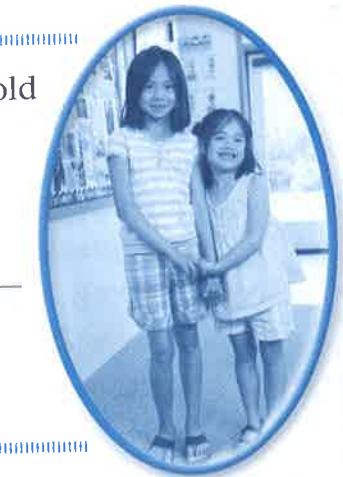
(n.) a device that holds parts together; a strong hold

I lost the _____ to my watch.

(v.) to hook something up; to hold tightly

My younger sister likes to _____ my hand.

SYNONYMS: (n.) buckle; grasp; (v.) fasten; grasp, seize
ANTONYMS: (v.) undo, loosen, unfasten



4. depart

(di pârt')

(v.) to go away

I will _____ for Miami soon.

SYNONYM: leave

ANTONYMS: stay, remain



5. fierce

(fîrs)

(adj.) violent; wild or savage

The tiger that attacked the zookeeper was _____.

SYNONYMS: cruel, ferocious

ANTONYMS: mild, easygoing

Remember

A **noun** (n.) is a word that names a person, place, or thing.

A **verb** (v.) is a word or words that express action or a state of being.

An **adjective** (adj.) is a word that describes a noun or pronoun.

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6. journey

(jûr' nē)

(n.) a long trip; a passage from one place to another

Where did you go on your _____?

(v.) to go on a trip; to travel

We plan to _____ to Egypt.

SYNONYMS: (n.) expedition, tour, voyage, outing;

(v.) tour, trek, go



7. observe

(ôb zûrv')

(v.) to see; to watch with close attention;
to stick to or obey

*To understand how the bird gets its food,
the boy must _____ its movements.*

SYNONYMS: notice; abide

8. superb

(sü pûrb')

(adj.) of the best quality

The acting and singing in the movie were _____.

SYNONYMS: excellent, splendid, wonderful, marvelous, magnificent

ANTONYMS: inferior, ordinary

9. treasure

(tre' zhär)

(n.) a collection of valuable objects; something worth a lot

The pirates guarded their _____.

(v.) to care a great deal for

I _____ my collection of foreign coins.

SYNONYMS: (n.) wealth, riches; (v.) cherish, prize, appreciate

ANTONYMS: (v.) neglect, disregard

10. wisdom

(wiz' dôm)

(n.) knowledge and good sense, especially as a result of experience

Grandparents have much _____ about life.

SYNONYMS: judgment, understanding, intelligence

ANTONYM: ignorance