

- stratosphere** <STRAD.uh.sfir>
n / upper part of the air mass surrounding the earth
Being about 7 miles above the earth, the --- maintains an almost constant temperature.
Ety/Notes: Fr fr L + Fr fr L
- Graded List - Grades 7-8 - SET 8**
- gouge** <GOWJ>
v, n / scoop out, make channels or holes in; tool to make channels
The gardener would carefully --- a small hole in the soil and insert a tomato plant.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L fr Celt
- siege** <SE EJ>
n, v / assault on a fortified place by an army; large amount
When the Mexican army lay --- upon the Alamo, they greatly outnumbered the Texans.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- feign** <FAYN>
v / pretend; disguise
When frightened, our hognose snake would quiver, flip over as if in agony, and lie still to --- death.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L hom: fane
- phylum** <FI.luhm>
n / group that descends from a single point of origin, group
The Mollusca --- includes all the clams and snails.
Ety/Notes: L fr GK
- loathe, loth, loath** <LOHTHH> or <LOHTH>
v, adj / hate; dislike strongly
"I don't just mildly dislike slimy okra, I --- the vegetable and don't like seeing it on the table," said Jo.
Ety/Notes: E
- fedora (F)** <fi.DOHR.uh> or <fi.DAWR.uh>
n / soft felt hat with a lengthwise crease along the top and without a rolled brim
The spy donned a trench coat and --- so his features would be in shadow.
Ety/Notes: Ep fr Fr
- parody** <PEHR.uhd.ee>
n, v / comical imitation of another's literary or musical work
The literature class studied the ---, comparing the original work to the spoof.
Ety/Notes: L fr Gk
- romaine** <roh.MAYN> or <ROH.mayn>
n / variety of lettuce with a slender head, long oblong leaves and wide midribs
Instead of making a salad with iceberg lettuce, Al opted to make one with --- because he preferred its taste.
Ety/Notes: Fr fr L
- hospice** <HAHS.pis>
n / lodge providing rest for travelers; program providing care for terminally ill
The story depicted a monk in a medieval --- and the travelers who chanced to stop for respite there.
Ety/Notes: Fr fr L
- dilemma** <di.LEM.uh>
n, v / situation which involves a choice between two alternatives
Each man in the Alamo faced the --- of whether to remain and fight to the death or escape as a coward.
Ety/Notes: L fr Gk
- genesis** <JEN.uh.sis>
n / origin or beginning of something
The Russian historian considered Gorbachev's rise to power as the --- of a new era for that country.
Ety/Notes: L fr Gk
- camelot (C)** <KAM.uh.laht>
n / legendary location of King Arthur's court with its idyllic happiness
Rosa referred to her cabin in the woods as her --- which described its perfect picturesque simplicity.
Ety/Notes: E geog name
- residue** <REZ.uh.doo> or <REZ.uh.dyoo>
n / that which is left over; part of molecule left after removing portion
Our hard water left a filmy --- on all of our dishes and windows.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- syringe** <si.RINJ> or <SI.rinj> <SRINJ>
n, v / device for drawing and injecting fluid
Using a ---, the dentist injected an anesthetic near the painful tooth.
Ety/Notes: E fr L fr Gk
- carnage** <KAHR.nij>
n / dead bodies from a massacre
The --- left by the battle at Gettysburg inspired one of Mr. Lincoln's most memorable speeches.
Ety/Notes: Fr fr L
- leniency** <LEE.nee.uhn.see> or <LEEN.yuhn.see>
n / mercy, quality of being indulgent
Aunt Ann's disciplining of her children was characterized by extreme ---, but she called it love.
Ety/Notes: L
- intrigue** <in.TREEG> or <IN.treeg>
v, n / arouse the curiosity of; trick; devious plot
From the basement of the old house came a tapping noise that began to --- the curious detective.
Ety/Notes: Fr fr It fr L
- fluoride** <FLUR.iid> or <FLOHR.iid>
<FLAW.riid> <FLUR.id>
n / compound or salt containing particular chemical element
The citizenry disagreed on the addition of --- to the water supply, even though it would decrease tooth decay.
Ety/Notes: Fr fr L
- militant** <MIL.uh.duhnt> or <MIL.uh.tuhnt>
adj, n / combative; aggressive
The president of the country was so --- that it was difficult to get him to discuss a cease-fire.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- epilepsy** <EP.uh.lep.see>
n / nervous disorder producing seizures
Caesar reportedly suffered from --- with its characteristic convulsions and disturbances in consciousness.
Ety/Notes: Fr fr L fr Gk
- gloaming** <GLOH.ming>
v, n / dusk, twilight
My Scottish aunt explained, "I work from dawn till ---, but I always rest through the evening until bedtime."
Ety/Notes: E

tinderbox <TIN.duhr.bahks>
n / small metal container to keep kindling and flint dry for starting a fire
The antique --- still held flint and kindling and could probably tell fascinating adventures if it could talk.
Ety/Notes: E + E fr L fr Gk

honeycomb <HUHN.ee.kohm>
n, v / wax cells built within a beehive and containing a sweet syrup
Mr. Harris chased the bees away from the hive with smoke and carefully removed the waxy, sweet --- .
Ety/Notes: E

muckraking <MUHK.rayk.ing>
adj, n, v / marked by seeking out and publicly exposing a scandal
The publication had a bad reputation for its --- articles, and it was often sued by its victims.
Ety/Notes: E + E

brainchild <BRAYN.chiild>
n / product of one's creative idea or work
The unique spelling bee supplement was the --- of a young Texas competitor with a flair for ingenuity.
Ety/Notes: E

Graded List - Grades 1-3 - SET 11

oops, whoops <OOPS> or <UPS> <WUPS>
<WOOPS>
interj, v / expression of surprise or indication of a problem
"---," said Anant, "I started spelling that word wrong in the bee, and I'm out!"
Ety/Notes: Unk orig

eddy <ED.ee>
n, v / whirlpool of a small size
Elaine watched the tiny --- produced by the draining bathtub as the water circled into a funnel shape.
Ety/Notes: E fr Norse

acre <AYK.uhr>
n / measurement of land
Long ago an --- was measured by the amount of land a yoke of oxen could plow in a single day.
Ety/Notes: E

idly <IID.lee> or <IID.uh.lee>
adv / in an inactive manner
As the team worked busily at their project, one lazy boy sat --- by and watched.
Ety/Notes: E

auger <AW.guhr>
n, v / tool for boring holes
Gramp's new tractor has an --- that can dig holes for fence posts.
Ety/Notes: E Hom: augur

cello <CHEL.oh>
n / instrument of the violin family that is large and has a bass tone
Edwin loved the bass tone of the ---, but he didn't like transporting the large instrument home to practice.
Ety/Notes: It

knack <NAK>
n, v / natural ability rather than a learned one; clever way to perform a task, natural
I did so well on my first day of snow skiing that the instructor told me I must have a --- for the sport.
Ety/Notes: E

augur <AWG.uhr> or <AWG.yuhr>
v, n / predict or give promise according to signs and omens; soothsayer, prophet
Their willingness to work hard would seem to --- success in their project.
Ety/Notes: E fr L Hom: auger

waste <WAYST>
n, v, adj / garbage, unusable material
The factory agreed to collect all their --- and dispose of it in an ecologically safe manner.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr + E

salvo <SAL.voh>
n, v / discharge of weapons simultaneously
At the military hero's funeral, the army gave him a --- of twenty-one guns, making a resounding boom.
Ety/Notes: It fr Fr fr L

eland <EE.luhnd> or <EE.land>
n / African antelope with spirally twisted horns
A large antelope, the --- is a gregarious and slow-moving animal, but it is a good jumper.
Ety/Notes: Afrik fr Du fr Ger fr Lith

snarl <SNAHRL> or <SNAH.uhrl>
n, v / confused mass, tangle; make complicated
We would have been here earlier but we got held up in a --- of traffic in the downtown interchange.
Ety/Notes: E fr Norse

waist <WAYST>
n / middle section of the body just below the ribs
The black belt he wore around his --- signified that he was an expert in karate.
Ety/Notes: E

jargon <JAHR.guhn> or <JAHR.gahn>
n, v / language that is strange or incomprehensible
Shopping for an office computer, the businessman found he didn't understand the --- used by the salesmen.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr imit

quartz <KAWRTS>
n / hard, usually transparent mineral
Upon cutting the geode, Carrie discovered an array of beautiful crystals of --- .
Ety/Notes: Ger fr Slav

gopher <GOH.fuhr>
n, v / type of burrowing rodent; person who does miscellaneous errands
In the movie, the golf course was plagued with a --- who dug holes and tunnels all over the greens.
Ety/Notes: Unk orig Note: gofer only for errand person

canopy <KAN.uh.pee>
n, v / shelter from the sky; clear cover of airplane's cockpit
As the rains wore on into the night, the old --- under which we were sleeping began to leak.
Ety/Notes: E fr L fr Gk

- magpie** <MAG.pii>
n, adj, v / any of a noisy family of birds
Occasionally, the noisy --- would swoop down from the tree to tease the cat below.
Ety/Notes: E nickname
- palace** <PAL.is>
n, adj, v / official residence of a supreme ruler
The royal family lived in the ---, but they also had a country estate.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L geog name
- vicious** <VISH.uhs>
adj / characterized by being depraved, volatile or corrupt
Marge crossed the street rather than walk beside the fence with the --- dog snarling and barking at her.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- bismuth** <BIZ.muht> or <BIS.muht>
n / metallic element similar to arsenic and antimony chemically
--- expands when it solidifies, and this property had allowed for its use in making castings.
Ety/Notes: Ger
- trapeze** <tra.PEEZ> or <TRAP.eez>
n, v / acrobatic apparatus consisting of a short suspended bar
Flying through the air on his ---, the acrobat executed a double flip and was caught in midair by his partner.
Ety/Notes: Fr fr L
- aspirin** <AS.prin> or <AS.puh.rin>
<AS.puhrn> <AS.pruhn>
n / pain-relieving medicine
Mom gave David some --- to relieve the pain of his sunburn.
Ety/Notes: ISV fr Fr fr L+L fr Ger
- stature** <STACH.uhr>
n / natural height in a standing position; status gained by achievement
Joey's small --- earned him the nickname "Shorty."
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- abysmal** <uh.BIZ.muht> or <a.BIZ.muht>
adj / extremely low or deep
The council passed ordinances to clean up the --- living conditions in the poorest sections of town.
Ety/Notes: E fr L fr Gk
- avocado** <av.uh.KAHD.oh> or <ah.vuh.KAH.doh> <av.uh.KAH.duh> <ah.vuh.KAH.duh>
n / pulpy fruit with a pear shape from tropical trees
The tree was so large that we had to climb a ladder to pick the ripe --- on an upper branch.
Ety/Notes: Sp fr Nahuatl
- surgery** <SUHRJ.ree> or <SUH.juh.ree>
n / operation
The star basketball player will miss the rest of the season because his injured knee requires ---.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L fr Gk
- captain** <KAP.tin>
n, adj, v / high ranking officer, commander; lead
With a toothy grin and a gleam in his eye, the old sea --- told rollicking tales of adventures on the seas.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- absence** <AB.suhns> or <AB.suhnts>
n / state of not being present, missing
Mr. Anderson had to leave the classroom temporarily, and he made it clear that we were to behave in his ---.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- treason** <TREEZ.uhn>
n / betrayal of trust or faith
The spy was suspected of selling information to the enemy and charged with ---.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- glacier** <GLAY.shuhr>
n / large mass of ice and snow that moves down a mountain until it melts
Icebergs are pieces of a --- that have broken off and fallen into the sea.
Ety/Notes: Fr fr L
- galleon** <GAL.ee.uhn> or <gal.YUHN>
n / large ship used chiefly by the Spaniards and Venetians
The divers meticulously explored the ancient Spanish --- searching for nautical artifacts from centuries past.
Ety/Notes: Sp fr Fr Hom: gallian
- arrears** <uh.RIRS> or <a.RIRS>
n / debts that are unpaid or overdue
Adverse economic conditions have caused many people to get into --- in paying their debts.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- chestnut** <CHES.nuht>
n, adj / edible nut grown on a large deciduous tree of the same name
My Christmas fruit and nut basket held several grapefruits, oranges, apples and pecans, but only one ---.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- research** <ri.SUHRCH> or <ree.SUHRCH>
<REE.suhrch>
n, v / careful examination, investigation; seek out
After weeks of ---, Pamela had compiled a mountain of notes from which to write her term paper.
Ety/Notes: Fr fr L
- nobelist (N)** <noh.BEL.ist> or <noh.BUHL.ist>
n / one who has won a particular, prestigious award
A prerequisite to becoming a --- is to provide significant works that improve the plight of the human race.
Ety/Notes: Ep fr Swed
- strength** <STRENGTH> or <STRENGKTH>
<STRENTTH> <STRENTH>
n / quality of being able to exert oneself or to resist force
Adam has spent so much time lifting weights that he has developed the --- of someone much larger than himself.
Ety/Notes: E
- preexist** <pree.ig.ZIST> or <PREE.ig.zist>
v / live beforehand
"Do you have any conditions that --- that would account for the pain you're experiencing?" asked the doctor.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L
- vagabond** <VAG.uh.bahnd> or <VAG.uh.buhnd>
n, adj, v / tramp or wanderer
Many a --- has jumped a train to travel from town to town in search of work, food, or adventure.
Ety/Notes: E fr Fr fr L

Kierkegaardian (k) <kir.kuh.GAHRD.ee.uhn> or <KIR.kuh.gahrd.ee.uhn> <KYEHR.kuh.gahrd.ee.uhn> <kyehr.kuh.GAHRD.ee.uhn>
adj, n / relating to existential philosophy of particular scholar
The philosopher's emphasis on the human will was more Nietzschean than --- with its existential approach.
Ety/Notes: Ep Dan

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