

# Vocabulary List

Check the words you are sure you can read and define.

_____	<b>align</b>	_____	<b>impassable</b>
_____	<b>artillery</b>	_____	<b>incredulous</b>
_____	<b>assault</b>	_____	<b>makeshift</b>
_____	<b>audible</b>	_____	<b>omen</b>
_____	<b>casualty</b>	_____	<b>paroled</b>
_____	<b>chaos</b>	_____	<b>pontoon</b>
_____	<b>cordial</b>	_____	<b>pursue</b>
_____	<b>dilemma</b>	_____	<b>skirmish</b>
_____	<b>distraught</b>	_____	<b>spectacular</b>
_____	<b>flanking</b>	_____	<b>turmoil</b>
_____	<b>furlough</b>	_____	<b>unruly</b>
_____	<b>grueling</b>	_____	<b>wiry</b>

## Vocabulary List for Word Study

1. **align** – v. To arrange in a straight line; line up. *The drummers will align themselves on the back row of the marching band.*
2. **artillery** – n. Large heavy guns that are mounted on wheels or tracks; cannon. *The soldiers placed the artillery on the hill and began firing.*
3. **assault** – n. A violent attack. *The enemy made an assault on the fort.*
4. **audible** – adj. Loud enough to be heard. *The music was only audible to those people on the front row.*
5. **chaos** – n. Great confusion or disorder. *There was much chaos at the zoo when the monkey escaped its cage.*
6. **cordial** – adj. Warm and friendly. *The shopkeeper was cordial to his customers.*
7. **dilemma** – n. A necessary choice between equally undesirable alternatives, a perplexing predicament. *Dad had a dilemma of repairing his old car or buying a new one.*
8. **flank** – n. The far left or right side of a body of soldiers, a fort, or a naval fleet. *The commander moved his men on the left flank of the advancing army.*
9. **grueling** – adj. Extremely tiring. *Chopping enough wood to last through the winter is a grueling task.*
10. **impassable** – adj. Impossible to travel on or over. *The ice and snow made the highway impassable.*

11. **incredulous** – adj. Refusing belief; skeptical; incredible. *The audience was incredulous watching the magic trick.*
12. **makeshift** – n. Something that is used as a temporary substitute for something else. *The workers replaced the broken bridge with a makeshift.*
13. **omen**– n. Something that is thought to be a sign of a good or bad event to come. *The beautiful butterfly seemed to be a good omen to the traveler.*
14. **paroled** – v. To be released as a prisoner of war on the pledge not to serve against his captors until exchanged. *His brother was paroled after being captured in the battle.*
15. **pontoon** – n. A floating structure used to support a bridge or a dock. *The engineers designed a portable walkway across the stream using a pontoon to float it.*
16. **pursue** – v. To chase in order to catch. *The police will pursue the thieves until they are caught.*
17. **skirmish** – n. A minor fight between small bodies of troops. *After a skirmish along the road with the enemy the soldiers retreated into the woods.*
18. **spectacular** – adj. Being unusual or impressive; sensational. *The view of the waterfall from the mountaintop was spectacular.*
19. **turmoil** – n. Great confusion; uproar. *The loss of electricity caused much turmoil in the airport terminal.*
20. **unruly** – adj. Hard to discipline or control. *The unruly boy was disturbing the people in the library.*

Note: *The American Heritage Children's Dictionary*

## Vocabulary in Context

Fill-in the blanks with the best word from the list.

align      artillery      assault      audible      chaos  
cordial      dilemma      grueling      flank      impassable

1. To buy a new car or repair the old one was a \_\_\_\_\_  
Dad could not resolve easily.
2. When the football team won the championship the excited crowd  
ran on the field creating \_\_\_\_\_ and confusion.
3. The officer in charge of \_\_\_\_\_ was  
ordered to line the cannons on the hill.
4. Her voice was so soft that her speech was not \_\_\_\_\_  
to the audience.
5. It was a \_\_\_\_\_ race for the runners due  
to the heat and the steep hills.
6. A rock slide made the mountain road \_\_\_\_\_.
7. Many soldiers moved to the left \_\_\_\_\_ of the  
army to prepare for an attack from the west.
8. The general made plans to \_\_\_\_\_ the walls  
of the fort with heavy cannon fire.

9. The coach will \_\_\_\_\_ his players  
along the ten-yard line to make the touchdown.

10. The hostess of the party was \_\_\_\_\_ to  
her guests as she greeted them with a smile.

Choose 1 word from the list and write a statement.

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Choose a different word from the list and write a question.

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## Vocabulary in Context

Fill-in the blanks with the best word from the list.

incredulous      makeshift      omen      paroled      pontoon  
spectacular      skirmish      pursue      turmoil      unruly

1. The manager of the restaurant was speaking to a group of \_\_\_\_\_ boys who were disturbing the other diners.
2. The warrior believed that the sight of an eagle was a good \_\_\_\_\_ of victory in battle.
3. In 1862 his uncle was \_\_\_\_\_ after only two months as a prisoner of war.
4. The spectators at the circus were \_\_\_\_\_ as they watched the tightrope walker.
5. The engineers needed to replace the \_\_\_\_\_ under the plank bridge to keep it afloat.
6. The officer reported a \_\_\_\_\_ with the enemy along the road, but no casualties occurred.
7. What a \_\_\_\_\_ fireworks display this is!

8. The \_\_\_\_\_ and unrest in the city caused tourists to cancel their travel plans.
9. Hounds will \_\_\_\_\_ the fox while the hunters follow on their horses.
10. The camper will sleep in a \_\_\_\_\_ until he repairs his damaged tent.

Write an antonym for each word.

spectacular - \_\_\_\_\_ unruly - \_\_\_\_\_

Write a synonym for each word.

omen - \_\_\_\_\_ skirmish - \_\_\_\_\_

# Word Wheel

