

QUEEN OF THE FALLS

Vocab Book



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hydrant



noun

A fitting in a street or other public place with a nozzle by which a hose may be attached to a water main.

“How far is the nearest fire **hydrant** from your home?”

locomotive



noun

a powered railway vehicle used for pulling trains.

“Some American **locomotives** are very heavy.”

Synonyms:

Train

iron-horse

thrilling



adjective

Causing excitement and pleasure; exhilarating.

“It was a **thrilling** adventure.”

Synonyms:

riveting **gripping** **electrifying**

tourist



noun

someone who visits a place for pleasure and interest, usually while on holiday.

“London has a number of **tourist** attractions.”

Synonyms:

sightseer **traveller** **visitor**

impatiently

adverb

In a way that shows irritation or annoyance.

In a restless eager manner.

“He sighed **impatiently** and glanced at his watch.”

Synonyms:

anxiously irritably

deserted

adjective

(a place) empty of people.



“The city was **deserted**.”

Synonyms:

barren desolate empty

cascading



verb

(of water) pour downwards rapidly and in large quantities.

“Water was **cascading down the stairs.”**

Synonyms:

pour gush stream



fleeting

adjective

Lasting for a very short time.

“For a **fleeting moment I saw the face of a boy.”**

Synonyms:

momentary brief short-lived

avalanche



noun

A mass of snow, ice, and rocks falling rapidly down a mountainside.

verb

(of a mass of snow, ice, etc.) descend rapidly down a mountainside.

“He was swept to his death by an **avalanche** in 1988.”

Synonyms:

snow slide

icefall

landslide

churning



verb

(with reference to liquid) move or cause to move about vigorously .

“The seas **churned**.”

Synonyms:

foam

froth

toss

plunge

verb

1. Jump or dive quickly and energetically.
2. Push or thrust quickly.

noun

An act of jumping or diving into water.

“Our daughters whooped as they **plunged** into the sea.”

Synonyms:

dive plummet jump



charm school

noun

A school teaching manners and social skills.



“At **charm school** she learnt about make-up and how to walk with a book on her head.”

Can sometimes be referred to as a ‘finishing school’.

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enrolled

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verb – past tense of enrol

Officially register as a member of an institution or a student on a course.

“He **enrolled in drama school.”**

Synonyms:

register

sign up

apply

hypnotised

verb – past tense of hypnotise

1. Produce a state of hypnosis in (someone).

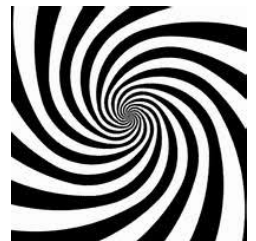
2. Capture the whole attention of (someone), fascinate.

“She gazed down, **hypnotised by the swirling tide.”**

Synonyms:

fascinate

mesmerize



foremen



noun (plural of foreman)

Male worker who supervises and directs other workers.

“The foremen were hired to oversee all of those working on the construction site.”

Synonyms:

supervisor overseer manager



conquered



adjective

(of a place or people) having been overcome and taken control of by military force.

“A conquered people.”

Synonyms:

overcome defeat

convinced



verb – past tense of convince

Persuade (someone) to do something.

Cause (someone) to believe firmly in the truth of something.

“She **convinced my father to start his own business.”**

Synonyms:

persuade

sway

cajole

assured

verb – past tense of assure

Tell someone something positively to dispel any doubts.

“Tony **assured me that there was a supermarket in the village.”**

Synonyms:

convince

guarantee

promise

sturdy

adjective

Strongly and solidly built.

“He had a **sturdy, muscular physique.”**

Synonyms:

strapping well built muscular



daredevil

noun

A reckless person who enjoys doing dangerous things.

adjective

Reckless and daring.

“Spectators watched in horror as the nineteen-year-old **daredevil smashed into the ground**

Synonyms:

stuntman daring audacious



erasing



verb

Rub out or remove.

Remove all traces of; remove recorded material from memory.

“Jackson longed to **erase the past.”**

Synonyms:

delete

remove

efface

miracle



noun

A remarkable event or development that brings very welcome consequences; not explainable by scientific laws.

“It was a **miracle that the girl survived.”**

Synonyms:

wonder

marvel

phenomenon

parade



verb

1.(of troops) assemble for a formal inspection or ceremonial occasion.

2.Display (someone or something) while marching or moving around a place.

“They **paraded** the national flags.”

Synonyms:

display exhibition show

swift



adjective

Happening quickly or promptly.

“The roadrunner is a **swift** animal capable of running very fast.”

Synonyms:

prompt rapid high-speed

current



Noun

A body of water or air moving in a definite direction, especially through a surrounding body of water or air in which there is less movement.

“The oceans **currents** flowed quickly.”

Synonyms:

stream flow slipstream

frigid

adjective

Very cold in temperature.



“The water was very **frigid**.”

Synonyms:

bitter freezing frosty

hoax



Noun

A humorous or malicious (evil/nasty) deception.

“The evidence had been planted as part of an elaborate **hoax**.”

Synonyms:

practical joke spoof con prank

sincerely



adverb

In a sincere or genuine way.

“I **sincerely** hope that you get better soon.”

Synonyms:

genuinely honestly truthfully

boarding house



Noun

A private house providing food and lodging for paying guests.

“We stayed at the **boarding house**.”

Synonyms:

auberge

hostel

lodge

fateful

adjective

Having far-reaching and often disastrous consequences or implications.

“It was a **fateful** oversight.”

Synonyms:

crucial

critical

pivotal

spectator



Noun (spectators plural)

a person who watches at a show, game, or other event.

“Around fifteen thousand **spectators** came to watch the match.”

Synonyms:

onlooker observer witness

adjusted

verb

alter or move (something) slightly in order to achieve the desired fit, appearance, or result.

“He smoothed his hair and **adjusted** his tie.”

Synonyms:

modify alter calibrate

seal

verb (can also be a noun but not in this case)

fasten or close securely.

“he folded it, **sealed** the envelope, and walked to the postbox.”

Synonyms:

fasten

secure

close-up

muffled

adjective

(of a sound) not loud because of being obstructed in some way; muted.



“They heard the sounds of **muffled** voices.”

Synonyms:

faint

muted

suppressed

discombobulation

noun

the fact of being made to feel confused or uncomfortable by something.

“People felt some **discombobulation** at the sight of Mr White laughing and joking with the former arch-enemy.”

Synonyms:

disorientation confusion

rapids

noun

a fast-flowing and turbulent part of the course of a river.



‘Those of you looking for adventure can kayak down the **rapids.**’

Synonyms:

torrents fast-flowing water

Faint-hearted

adjective

lacking courage; timid.

“They were feeling faint-hearted at the prospect of war.”

Synonyms:

timid

nervous

fearful



eager

adjective

strongly wanting to do or have something.

(of a person’s expression or tone of voice) keenly expectant or interested.



“Small eager faces looked up and listened.”

Synonyms:

keen

enthusiastic

avid

pamphlet



noun

a small booklet or leaflet containing information or arguments about a single subject.

“He published pamphlets on the subjects about which he felt strongly.”

Synonyms:

brochure

leaflet

flyer



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peddle

verb

try to sell (something, especially small goods) by going from place to place.

“She **peddled** printing materials around the country

Synonyms:

sell

tout

vend

souvenir

noun

a thing that is kept as a reminder of a person, place, or event.



“The girl bought a **souvenir** to remind her of her holiday.”

Synonyms:

memento

keepsake

token

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