

WORDLY WISE 3000 ONLINE

Level 6 • Word List

Lesson 7

brawl

n. A rough, noisy fight.

brôl

A **brawl** broke out when one of the workers accused another of stealing.

v. To fight noisily.

Players who brawl during the game are fined.

casual

adj. 1. Not planned.

kazh´ōō əl

Several friends got together for a casual meeting after the movie.

2. Not regular; occasional.

I have a **casual** job doing errands for my uncle when he needs me.

3. Suitable for everyday use; comfortable. The store sells **casual** apparel for the beach.

constant

adj. 1. Not changing.

kän' stənt

The function of cruise control is to keep the car at a **constant** speed.

2. Loyal; faithful.

The farmer's **constant** companion is an affectionate collie.

3. Without a pause; unending.

A small child requires **constant** attention.

excel

v. To do well; to be better or greater than others.

ek sel'

Babe Ruth **excelled** both as a pitcher and as a batter.

exhaust

v. 1. To use up.

eg zôst´

Lost on the mountain, the climbers **exhausted** their supplies after two days.

2. To tire out.

A ten-mile hike will exhaust most people.

n. The waste gases from an engine; also, the system that pumps out such

waste gases.

The muffler is often the first part of the **exhaust** to wear out.

hardy

adj. Able to survive under bad conditions; tough.

här' dē

Sage is a **hardy** plant that can be left outside during the winter.

mediocre mē dē ō' kər adj. Of low to medium quality; barely passable.

Mediocre grades make it difficult to get into a good college.

monotonous

mə nät´n əs

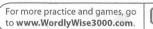
adj. Always the same; not varying; boring.

Making photocopies is monotonous work.

monotony *n*. Lack of variety resulting in boredom.

Switching tasks helps to relieve the **monotony** of assembly-line work.





originate

ə rij´ə nāt

v. To bring or come into being.

The custom of sending Valentine cards **originated** in the 1800s.

origin n. (ôr' ə jin) A beginning or coming into being.

What is the origin of the story that alligators live in the New York sewers?

punctuate punk' choo at

v. 1. To add marks such as commas and periods to writing to make the meaning clear.

Choose the best way to **punctuate** this sentence.

2. To interrupt from time to time.

Claps of thunder **punctuated** the evening.

punctuation n. (punk cho⁻o ā' shən) The use of marks such as commas and periods in writing.

Using a comma instead of a semicolon is a common error in **punctuation**.

ravenous

adj. 1. Very hungry.

rav' ə nəs

The skaters were **ravenous** because they'd skipped lunch.

2. Eager for whatever satisfies one's needs or wants.

To be **ravenous** for praise shows a lack of confidence in oneself.

realistic

adj. 1. Closely resembling real life.

rē ə lis' tik

This video game has very realistic race-car sounds.

2. Aware of things as they are; practical.

Running a Saturday car wash is a **realistic** way for the club to raise money.

soothe

sooth

v. 1. To make calm and relaxed.

The principal tried to **soothe** the angry students by promising to consider their demands.

2. To relieve soreness; to make less painful.

Calamine lotion will soothe a sunburn.

stampede

stam pēd'

n. A sudden rush of animals or people, usually caused by fear.

A breeze carried the lion's scent to the antelope and began a **stampede** of the herd.

v. To take part in a stampede.

The crowd **stampeded** for the exit when someone yelled "Fire!"

veteran vet´ərən

n. 1. A person who has served in the armed forces.

Veterans in their World War II uniforms marched in the Memorial Day parade.

2. A person with much experience.

The new director is a **veteran** who has been with the dance company from its beginning.

adj. Experienced.

We were fortunate to have several **veteran** musicians in our band.

