



# WORDLY WISE 3000<sup>®</sup> ONLINE

## Level 6 • Word List

### Lesson 7

**brawl**  
brôl  
*n.* A rough, noisy fight.  
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**  
kazzh' ôô əl  
*adj.* 1. Not planned.  
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**  
kän' stənt  
*adj.* 1. Not changing.  
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**  
ek sel'  
*v.* To do well; to be better or greater than others.  
Babe Ruth **excelled** both as a pitcher and as a batter.

**exhaust**  
eg zôst'  
*v.* 1. To use up.  
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**  
här' də  
*adj.* Able to survive under bad conditions; tough.  
Sage is a **hardy** plant that can be left outside during the winter.

**mediocre**  
mē də ô' kər  
*adj.* Of low to medium quality; barely passable.  
**Mediocre** grades make it difficult to get into a good college.

**monotonous**  
mə nāt' 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.



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| <p><b>originate</b><br/>ə rij' ə nāt</p>   | <p>v. To bring or come into being.<br/>The custom of sending Valentine cards <b>originated</b> in the 1800s.</p> <p><b>origin</b> n. (ôr' ə jin) A beginning or coming into being.<br/>What is the <b>origin</b> of the story that alligators live in the New York sewers?</p>  |
| <p><b>punctuate</b><br/>pun'k' chōō āt</p> | <p>v. 1. To add marks such as commas and periods to writing to make the meaning clear.<br/>Choose the best way to <b>punctuate</b> this sentence.</p> <p>2. To interrupt from time to time.<br/>Claps of thunder <b>punctuated</b> the evening.</p> <p><b>punctuation</b> n. (pun'k chōō ā' shən) The use of marks such as commas and periods in writing.<br/>Using a comma instead of a semicolon is a common error in <b>punctuation</b>.</p> |
| <p><b>ravenous</b><br/>rav' ə nəs</p>      | <p>adj. 1. Very hungry.<br/>The skaters were <b>ravenous</b> because they'd skipped lunch.</p> <p>2. Eager for whatever satisfies one's needs or wants.<br/>To be <b>ravenous</b> for praise shows a lack of confidence in oneself.</p>   |
| <p><b>realistic</b><br/>rē ə lis' tik</p>  | <p>adj. 1. Closely resembling real life.<br/>This video game has very <b>realistic</b> race-car sounds.</p> <p>2. Aware of things as they are; practical.<br/>Running a Saturday car wash is a <b>realistic</b> way for the club to raise money.</p>  |
| <p><b>soothe</b><br/>sōōth</p>             | <p>v. 1. To make calm and relaxed.<br/>The principal tried to <b>soothe</b> the angry students by promising to consider their demands.</p> <p>2. To relieve soreness; to make less painful.<br/>Calamine lotion will <b>soothe</b> a sunburn.</p>   |
| <p><b>stampede</b><br/>stam pēd'</p>       | <p>n. A sudden rush of animals or people, usually caused by fear.<br/>A breeze carried the lion's scent to the antelope and began a <b>stampede</b> of the herd.</p> <p>v. To take part in a stampede.<br/>The crowd <b>stampeded</b> for the exit when someone yelled "Fire!"</p>  |
| <p><b>veteran</b><br/>vet' ə rən</p>       | <p>n. 1. A person who has served in the armed forces.<br/><b>Veterans</b> in their World War II uniforms marched in the Memorial Day parade.</p> <p>2. A person with much experience.<br/>The new director is a <b>veteran</b> who has been with the dance company from its beginning.</p> <p>adj. Experienced.<br/>We were fortunate to have several <b>veteran</b> musicians in our band.</p>   |