

VOCABULARY BUILDING CHEATSHEET





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Words to Increase Your Word Bank	Meaning	Examples
Archaic	It means very old or old- fashioned	The dusty attic held a treasure trove of archaic furniture.
Quiescent	This word refers to peacefulness, dormant or being inactive.	The normally bustling city center was strangely quiescent on the Sunday.
Plethora	Something that is in excess, a large amount.	With a plethora of toppings to choose from, she spent ages customizing her pizza.
Zephyr	A brief gusty wind.	A gentle zephyr rustled the leaves, carrying the scent of distant rain.
Ersatz	This word is used instead of something else, often because the alternative is expensive.	The wartime rationing forced them to use ersatz coffee made from roasted barley.
Abate	It is to become smaller.	As the sun dipped below the horizon, the wind finally began to abate .
Poignant	Something that is touching and moving.	The faded photograph held a poignant reminder of happier times.
Sycophant	A person who flatters to gain personal favors.	The politician surrounded himself with sycophants who only ever agreed with him.
Defunct	Someone or something that is no longer existing or functioning.	The playground equipment was left to rust in the defunct amusement park.



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Ravenous	Extremely hungry	After hiking for miles, they were ravenous and devoured the picnic lunch.
Juxtaposition	Two different, contrasting things being compared side by side.	The towering skyscrapers stood in stark juxtaposition to the quaint, old cottages.
Munificence	The quality of being extremely generous, the quality of being lavishly generous.	The museum's expansion was made possible by the munificence of a local philanthropist.
Alacritous	Brisk or lively	With alacritous steps, the eager child raced towards the playground.
Altercation	A noisy argument or disagreement between two people or more.	A minor altercation broke out between the two drivers.
Exquisite	Extremely beautiful and flawless, often delicate.	The delicate embroidery on the dress was truly exquisite .
Banal	Boring and lacking in originality	Stuck in traffic, they resorted to banal small talk about the weather.
Polychromatic	Multicolored, showing a variety or change of colors.	The market displayed a polychromatic array of fruits and vegetables.
Obsolete	Something that is no longer used.	The factory workers replaced the obsolete machinery with a modern assembly line.