

September 2021 Word List

Students, please review the words and their definitions. Complete the three exercises. Email your work to me.

1. **Extravagance**-excessiveness, a lack of restraint in using money or resources

Example: Sasha's mother always buys an **extravagant** cake for her birthday.

2. **Simultaneous**- at the same time

Example: The landlord arranged for **simultaneous** fire drills at each of his apartment buildings.

3. **Boisterous**- rough, violent, turbulent, noisy, rowdy, unruly lively

Example: **Boisterous** conduct is not permitted in the hallway.

4. **Harass**- repeatedly attack, pester, badger, hound, torment, plague, annoy

Example: When Black Beard, Ann Bonny and other pirates began to **harass** American ships, President Jefferson sent the U.S. Navy to protect them.

5. **Pinnacle**- highest point, peak

Example: To be Prime Minister of a country could be regarded as the **pinnacle** of success.

6. **Ravenous**- extremely hungry, starving, famished

Example: Missing lunch made Corey **ravenous** at dinner time.

7. **Avid**- extremely eager, enthusiastic, passionate, dedicated, keen

Example: Howard is an **avid** baseball fan. Each morning, he reads the sports scores even before looking at the front page.

Exercise A: Complete each definition by using words from the vocabulary list.

simultaneous harass pinnacle avid extravagance ravenous boisterous

1. _____: extremely eager, enthusiastic, passionate, dedicated, keen

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3. _____: excessiveness, a lack of restraint in using money or resources

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7. _____: extremely hungry, starving, famished

Exercise B: Choose the word that best completes each sentence. Attention: you may need to change the form of the word (add “ly”, make a noun an adjective or change the tense of the verb).

1. If the hairstylist and makeup artist work _____, the bride will be ready on time despite her late arrival to the photo site.
2. If these _____ dogs do not settle down, I will send them to the pound.
3. The couple lived a very simple life with no need for _____ purchases.
4. He had reached the _____ of his military career.
5. He claimed that he was unfairly _____ by the police.
6. She took such an _____ interest in all her son’s sports events that it all became stressful.
7. We were _____ after swimming for so long and the Kentucky chicken and macaroni looked and smelled delicious.

Exercise C: Complete the sentences using words from the word bank.

Simultaneous	harass	pinnacle	avid	extravagant	ravenous	boisterous
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2. _____ conduct is not permitted in the hallway.
3. Sasha’s mother always buys an _____ cake for her birthday.
4. When Blackbeard and other pirates began to _____ American ships, President Jefferson sent the U.S. Navy to protect them.
5. Howard is an _____ baseball fan, he always reads the scores even before looking at the front page of the newspaper.
6. The landlord arranged for _____ fire drills at each of his buildings.
7. Missing lunch made Corey _____ at dinner time.