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Week 13  
Vocabulary



# legendary

- Paul Revere made a **legendary**, or famous, midnight ride, warning that the British were coming.
- Kobe Bryant is one of the most **legendary** basketball players of his time.

# famous or well known

Who do you think the most **legendary** musician of your time is?

"I think the most **legendary** musician of my time is \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."

# strategy

## a plan for reaching a goal

- Zack thought up a **strategy**, or plan, for winning the chess tournament.
- General George Washington thought up a **strategy**, or plan, for the colonial army.

What would be a good **strategy** to get an A on a math test?

"A good strategy for getting an A on a math test would be to \_\_\_\_\_."

# revolution

- The goal of the American **Revolution** was to be rid of British Rule.
- New technology has caused a **revolution** in many businesses.

## A sudden, complete change

Which sentence would make sense if you put **revolution** in the blank?

- We agreed on a \_\_\_\_\_ to the problem.
- George Washington was a leader of the American \_\_\_\_\_.

# foes

- The Boston Red Sox and New York Yankees are foes.
- Patriots sometimes fired on their British foes, or enemies, from behind rocks and trees.

# enemies

What might cause two people to be foes?

"\_\_\_\_\_ might cause people to be foes."

# formal

following set  
traditions or  
rules

- The fancy dinner was a formal event.
- Shaking hands is a formal way to greet someone.

What is something you should do at a formal dinner?

"At a formal dinner you should \_\_\_\_\_ because \_\_\_\_\_."

# gushed

poured out in a  
very fast and  
forceful way

- Water **gushed** into the flooded basement.
- As water **gushed** into his damaged ship, they knew it was only a matter of time until it would sink.

What do you think it would look like if lava **gushed** from a volcano?

"If lava **gushed** from a volcano it would look like\_\_\_\_\_"

# plunged

# dove in suddenly

- The diver **plunged** into the water
- The penguins **plunged** into the sea to find a meal.

Thumbs up/thumbs down.  
Does **plunged** make sense in these sentences?

- He **plunged** his hand into cold water after he burned his finger.
- I **plunged** up the drain with toothpaste.



# magnificent

- The peacock's feathers were positively **magnificent**.
- "Give me liberty or give me death," were grand, **magnificent** words of patriot Patrick Henry.

very  
beautiful and  
impressive

Thumbs up/ thumbs down:  
which of these things do  
you think are **magnificent**?

- The Egyptian Pyramids
- a teddy bear
- the Grand Canyon

# retreat

- The bully had to **retreat** when the teachers walked over.
- Patriot troops trained by General Steuben forced Hessians to **retreat**, or pull out, from battle.

## withdraw from an attack

Which of these things do you think would make a barking dog **retreat**?

- a bear
- a flower
- a larger dog
- perfume

# shimmering

reflecting light  
in a sparkling  
glimmering way

- The diamond ring was shimmering on her hand.
- The signal for Paul Revere to ride was two shimmering, flickering, lantern lights.

Which of these things can be described as shimmering?

- a pencil
- an icicle
- moonlight
- blue jeans
- a flashlight