Abridge

to make shorter

Syn.: shorten, condense, abbreviate

Ant.: expand, enlarge, augment

• Here is a picture of a bridge. It is *abridging* the distance between two pieces of land.
Adherent

a follower, supporter.
attached, sticking to

Syn.: disciple

Ant.: opponent, adversary, critic, detractor

Are you an adherent of America?
Altercation

An angry argument

Syn.: quarrel, dispute, squabble

Ant.: agreement, accord

What types of altercations can you remember from Hollywood?
Cherubic

Resembling an angel portrayed as a little child with a beautiful, round, or chubby face.

Sweet/innocent

Syn.: angelic, seraphic

Ant.: impish, devilish

OK class: give me your most cherubic faces!

AAAHHH! You look marvelous!!
Condone

To pardon or overlook

Syn.: ignore, wink at, turn a blind eye to

Ant.: censure, condemn, disapprove, deprecate

• What types of behaviors does Lincoln-Way condone?

• What types of behaviors does Lincoln-Way condemn?
Dissent

to disagree
a disagreement

Syn.: differ, dispute

Ant.: agree, concur, Unanimity, harmony

• Agree or disagree:
  • The Sox are awesome!
  • The Cubs rock!
  • There should be an 8:00 curfew for teens.
  • See...examples of dissent!
Eminent

Famous, outstanding, distinguished; projecting

Syn.: illustrious, renowned

Ant.: obscure, nameless, unsung, lowly, humble

Hmmm...what do I need to do to become an eminent teacher... I guess nothing! I already am!!
Exorcise

To drive out by magic; to dispose of something troublesome, menacing, or oppressive

Syn.: expel, dispel

What types of evil does Harry Potter need to exorcise in his movies?
Fabricate

To make, manufacture, to make up, invent

Syn.: put together, devise, contrive, concoct

Ant.: take apart, undo, destroy, demolish

Which type of fabricate are you more interested in?

or
Irate

Angry
Syn.: incensed, infuriated, enraged, livid
Ant.: calm composed, cool, unruffled

• What types of situations make you feel irate?
• What is the best way to deal with irate feelings?
• If “i-rate” you on a scale of 1-10, how irate are you right now?
Marauder

A raider, plunderer

Syn.: looter, pirate, freebooter

...you going to do well on your Unit 3 Vocabulary test?
Obesity

Excessive fatness

Syn.: serious overweight, extreme corpulence

Ant.: emaciation, gauntness, scrawniness

In 2004, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) ranked obesity as the number one health risk facing America.

20% of children are overweight.

65% of adults are overweight.
Pauper

An extremely poor person

Syn.: destitute person

Ant.: millionaire, tycoon

Tiny Tim, in *A Christmas Carol*, is referred to as a pauper.
Pilfer

To steal in small quantities

Syn.: filch, rob, swipe, purloin

This seagull is **pilfering** some ice cream for his dessert.

“Only one per customer please.”
Rift
A split, break, breach
Syn.: crack, fissure, gap, cleft
Ant.: reconciliation
Semblance

A likeness; an outward appearance; an apparition

Syn.: appearance, air, aura, veneer, facade

Ant.: dissimilarity, contrast, total lack
Surmount

To overcome, rise above

Syn.: conquer, triumph over

Ant.: be vanquished, be defeated, a succumb to

“I can surmount my test anxiety if I:
1. Take my time
2. Prepare
3. Complete the questions I already know. “
**Terminate**

To bring to an end

Syn.: conclude, finish, discontinue

Ant.: begin, commence, initiate

“Do well on your vocabulary tests or I will be back.”
**Trite**
(adj). Commonplace; overused, stale

Syn.: banal, hackneyed, corny

Ant.: original, novel, fresh, innovative

The use of pet names should generally be avoided as they can become meaningless and appear **trite** with the passing of time.
Usurp

(v). To seize and hold a position by force or without right

Syn.: seize illegally, commandeer, supplant

The military *usurped* the building containing an armed fugitive.