

grim

adjective

Unpleasant; disturbing.

We hear the grim news that our class hamster has gotten very sick.

agonizing

adjective

Very painful

Watching their sick child in the hospital bed was agonizing to the parents.

grim

adjective

Cruel; fierce

There were many grim battles during the Civil War.

grim

adjective

Unfriendly or threatening; stern.

The coach's grim face expressed his displeasure at our team's poor performance.

meddlesome

adjective

Given to taking part in others' affairs without being asked.

If you think I am being meddlesome, just tell me to mind my own business.

monstrous

adjective

Extremely large.

A monstrous roller coaster was the most exciting ride at the fair.

steadfast

adjective

Unchanging; steady; loyal.

Rigo and Moni remained steadfast friends throughout their school years.

monstrous

adjective

**Causing shock; horrible;
wicked.**

Mikaela begged her parents no to carry out their monstrous plan to move her family to another country.

agony

noun

**Great pain of mind or body;
suffering.**

*The sprained ankle caused him agony for
several weeks.*

loathing

noun

A feeling of hatred.

Their loathing of cruelty to animals led them to set up a shelter for unwanted pets.

catapult

noun

A machine used in ancient wars that threw objects with great force.

Roman catapults could throw six-pound objects almost a third of a mile.

character

noun

The qualities that make a person or place different or special.

Your friend's support during your long illness demonstrates her true character.

character

noun

A person in a story, movie, or play.

There are so many characters in the book, it's hard to remember who everyone is.

character

noun

A letter or symbol used in writing or printing.

The license-plate number NKT605 contains six characters.

harbor

noun

A protected place along a seacoast where ships can find shelter.

In the summer the harbor is busy with sailboats going in and out.

abolish

verb

To bring to an end: to do away with.

Some people support a plan to abolish violence in movies.

catapult

verb

To move or be moved suddenly and with great force, as if by a catapult.

The Stones' latest song catapulted them to the top of the music charts.

denounce

verb

**To speak out against something;
to criticize.**

The principal denounced the students who acted out during the school assembly.

denounce

verb

To accuse someone of doing wrong.

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rouse

verb

To stir up; to excite.

Martin Luther King Jr. roused the American people with his 1963 speech at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D.C.

rouse

verb

To awaken, to wake up.

The children were sleeping so soundly that it was difficult to rouse them.

translate

verb

To put into a different language.

The Little Prince, which was written in French, was translated into English by Katherine Woods.

harbor

verb

To give shelter to; to take care of by hiding.

We harbored the injured baby rabbit in my sister's room until our mother found it.

harbor

verb

**To hold and nourish a thought
or a feeling in the mind.**

*Try not to harbor anger against the person
who stole your bike.*

inflict

verb

To cause something painful to be felt.

The hurricane inflicted severe damage on coastal areas.

loathe

verb

To hate or dislike greatly.

Gandhi, the great Indian leader, loathed violence.

meddle

verb

To involve oneself in other people's affairs without being asked.

When my grandparents retired, they could have meddled in my partners' lives, but they didn't.

escalate

verb

To go up or increase in size or scope.

If house prices continue to escalate, many people will be unable to afford to buy a home.