

avalanche

noun

A great mass of ice, earth, or snow mixed with rocks sliding down a mountain.

The mountain climbers had a narrow escape when the avalanche swept over them.

avalanche

noun

A great amount of something.

The company had an avalanche of orders because of their online ad for the new game.

blizzard

noun

A heavy snowstorm with strong winds.

The Chicago airport had to close for two days because of the blizzard.

challenge

verb

To invite others to take part in a contest.

I challenged my friend to a game of chess.

challenge

verb

To cause a person to use a lot of skill or effort.

This trail challenges even the best hikers.

challenge

verb

To question or to argue against, especially when something is unfair or unjust.

Very few scientists challenge the idea that a large meteorite killed off the last of the dinosaurs sixty-five million years ago.

challenge

noun

**An interesting task or problem;
something that takes skill or
effort.**

*Living out of our backpacks for a week on
the mountain was a real challenge.*

challenge

noun

A call to take part in a contest.

I accepted the challenge to run in the marathon.

conquer

verb

To get better of.

Swimming lessons at the YMCA helped me conquer my fear of the water.

conquer

verb

To defeat.

Our team conquered the visiting team, even though our two star players were benched.

conquest

noun

The act of defeating.

The movie was about the conquest of Earth by creatures from another planet.

crevice

noun

A deep, narrow opening in rock caused by a split or crack.

The crevice had filled with soil in which a cluster of small red flowers was growing.

foolhardy

adjective

Unwisely bold or daring.

It would be foolhardy to go swimming during a gale.

lure

verb

To tempt or attract with the promise of something good.

In the early nineteenth century, the hope of owning land of their own lured many people to travel west to Ohio and Indiana.

lure

noun

Something that attracts.

The lure of fresh air led us to the park for a walk.

lure

noun

Artificial bait used for fishing.

A large striped bass took the lure, and I hooked it.

makeshift

noun

A temporary and usually less strong replacement.

We used the camper as a makeshift while our house was being built.

makeshift

adjective

Used as a temporary replacement.

We use the cooler as makeshift table when we have a picnic.

optimist

noun

One who looks at things in the most positive way; a cheerful, hopeful person.

Jade and Jean are optimists and so, of course they believed the bus would not leave without us.

optimistic

adjective

Cheerful; hopeful.

In spite of the injuries to our best players, I am optimistic about our chances of winning the big game.

optimism

noun

A feeling of hope or cheerfulness.

The patients' optimism helped them recover more quickly from their illness.

previous

adjective

Earlier happening before.

Although I missed the last practice, I attended the two previous ones.

route

noun

**The path that must be followed
to get to a place.**

*Our route to Seattle takes us through
Denver.*

route

noun

A fixed course or area assigned to a salesperson or delivery person.

Magali has over a hundred customers on her newspaper route.

summit

noun

The highest part; the top.

It took us three hours to climb to the summit of Mount Washington.

summit

noun

A conference or meeting of the top leaders of governments.

The summit of African heads of state will take place in Nairobi in late June.

terse

adjective

Short and to the point.

When I said I was sure we would be rescued soon, my friend's terse reply was, "How?"

thwart

verb

To block or defeat the plans or efforts of.

Heavy flooding thwarted the UN's attempts to deliver food.