

# VO CAB-u-lous!

## Build a Fabulous Vocab

### Words That Begin With B

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“One's vocabulary needs constant fertilizing or it will die.”

—Evelyn Waugh, English writer, 1903–1966

According to most of the people who count such things, the English language has about 1 million words. How many do you know? Not so many? You probably need to feed your vocabulary. Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. The Word Bank contains only nine words; one of the words fits two sentences. Yes, you may use your dictionary.

<b>Word Bank</b>	baleen	beneficiary	bestiary	bivouac	
	bombazine	broadside	bumptious	bunco	butte

1. When a late spring blizzard surprised the hikers, they decided to \_\_\_\_\_ for the night under the tallest tree they could find.
2. “What a \_\_\_\_\_ bunch of babies,” thought Mrs. Morgan, as the kids behind her kicked her seat, screamed, and pulled one another’s hair.
3. In Victorian England, widows wore \_\_\_\_\_ mourning dresses trimmed with crape for as long as two years.
4. The speeding car hit the minivan \_\_\_\_\_, spinning it into the guardrails, where it burst into flame.
5. When Mark learned he was a \_\_\_\_\_ of his grandfather’s estate, he silently promised to share the money with his family.
6. Jenny found the stories of imaginary animals in the \_\_\_\_\_ so fascinating that she stayed up all night reading.
7. The \_\_\_\_\_ rising beside the lake offered the perfect spot for watching the Canada geese that stopped to feed during their migration.
8. Some species of whales do not have teeth; instead, stiff plates of \_\_\_\_\_ grow down from the gums of the upper jaw.
9. The campaign workers designed a \_\_\_\_\_ that urged people to vote in the upcoming elections.
10. A sidewalk scammer luring tourists into playing three-card monte made \$200 before the \_\_\_\_\_ squad arrested him.