

VOCAB-u-lous!

Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With P

Name _____

Date _____

“Papa, potatoes, poultry, prunes and prism, all very good words for the lips,
-- especially prunes and prism.”

—Charles Dickens, *English writer, 1812–1870*
Little Dorrit, Book Two, Chapter Five

Some words really are satisfying to say; many *P* words leave the lips with a plosive pop! Try your hand at nine more *P* words. Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Notice that one of the words fits two sentences. Yes, you may use your dictionary.

Word Bank	paroxysm	penchant	perfidy	photovoltaic	plebiscite
	predicate	prêt-à-porter	purveyor	putrescent	

1. In a 1998 _____, Puerto Rican voters rejected a plan to seek statehood and also defeated an option to begin working toward independence.
2. “_____! Treason!” the candidate shouted when his campaign manager resigned to support the candidate’s opponent.
3. Because the restaurant’s last check had bounced, the produce _____ refused to deliver the order for the weekend.
4. Sam could never remember how to tell the difference between a _____ adjective and a gerund, which made him hate grammar.
5. When the little boy lit the cigarette he had stolen from his mother, he went into a _____ of coughing and promised himself he would never smoke again.
6. The meat was so _____ that no one wanted to open the refrigerator long enough to grab it and throw it out.
7. During New York Fashion Week, _____ collections often draw the largest audiences.
8. Tamika had always been interested in solar energy, so for her science project, she decided to build a _____ system to heat the doghouse.
9. “Remember,” the teacher cautioned as the students prepared to take the essay exam, “do not _____ a conclusion unless the text supports it.”
10. Eileen has such a _____ for learning that she often reads during the lunch hour.