

VOCAB-u-lous!

Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With V

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“A synonym is a word you use when you can't spell the word you first thought of.”

—Burt Bacharach, American pianist and composer, 1928–

Most of the words in the V Word Bank have a number of synonyms. Look for context clues when you choose one to complete each sentence below. Notice that one word fits two sentences. Yes, you may use your dictionary.

Word Bank	vacuous	vehemently	venal	veracity	vignette
	viscous	vituperative	voracious	vortex	

1. Stephen's _____ appetite stunned his classmates, who watched in disbelief as the greedy boy downed five cheeseburgers for lunch.
2. The book designer decorated the first page of each chapter with a pale green _____ of leaves twining across the top.
3. P.J.'s _____ attack against her former best friend was punctuated with scathing remarks about Renee's weight and personal hygiene.
4. When the river guide misjudged the size of the whirlpool, the raft flipped, and Noah felt himself being drawn down into the _____.
5. “I know you're not stupid,” Ms. Grant told Sally, “so why don't you stop with the _____ comments until you have something meaningful to contribute?”
6. “I am not questioning your _____,” Justine's mother said, “but you need to be honest about what happened at the movie theater Friday night.”
7. Alice forcefully and _____ denied that she had participated in the graffiti-fest the gym teacher discovered in the girl's locker room after the game.
8. Ricca and her friends performed a _____ about Harriet Beecher Stowe and her sisters for the school assembly.
9. When Tom changed the oil in his car, he found the old sludge so _____, he could get a stick to stand up almost straight in it.
10. “No act is more corrupt or _____ than stealing from those one has vowed to protect,” Mr. Byrne said about the lawyer convicted of bilking his elderly clients.