

VOCAB-u-lous!

Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With *FL*- Blends

Name _____

Date _____

“Don't use a big word where a diminutive one will suffice.”

—Unknown

We followed that advice; most of the words in this Word Bank have only six letters. Choose one to complete each sentence below. Notice that one of the words fits two sentences. Sure, use your dictionary.

Word Bank	flagellate	flashing	fledge	flense	fletch
	flexor	floey	florid	flotsam	

1. Blood and scraps of skin and blubber covered the deck the crew used to _____ the dead whales, causing treacherous conditions in the rough seas.
2. “Work each _____ every other day if you want to stay limber,” Karina told the members of her stretch class.
3. Even in the 21st century, members of some Christian religious orders continue to _____ themselves in preparation for certain holy days or observances.
4. “My back-up program seems to run OK,” Hanson told his computer sciences teacher, “but when I try to retrieve my files, everything just goes _____.”
5. The contractor told Ms. Xenelis that her roof leaked because the plastic _____ on one chimney had degraded and she needed to replace it with copper.
6. _____ from the container of bath toys that went overboard washed up 6,500 miles away; some of the toys could continue to drift for decades.
7. When the baby barn swallows were ready to _____, the mother bird forced them out of the nest and settled into it herself, ignoring the cries of her offspring.
8. The doctor suspected that her patient's _____ complexion might indicate that he had Cushing's syndrome.
9. A _____ protozoa too small to see with the naked eye causes hole in the head disease, which afflicts a wide variety of fish in home aquariums.
10. Tayanna prefers to _____ her own arrows and believes a parabolic feather shape helps her arrows fly truer and faster than other shapes do.