

VO CAB-u-lous!

Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With W

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A word to the wise is sufficient.
—*traditional maxim*

Smart people don't have to be beaten over the head to understand ideas. The well-chosen word can convey the subtleties of an idea very efficiently. For example, why say "a hiking boot with a lug sole" when *wafflestomper* will do? Use a word from the Word Bank to complete each sentence below. Notice that one word fits two sentences. Yes, you may use your dictionary.

Word Bank	wallowing	weskit	whimsical	williwaw	
	windrows	winnow	wizened	wrack	wrought

1. The _____ left by the outgoing tide was mostly kelp, crawling with little crabs and big, unfamiliar bugs that gave even the boys the creeps.
2. Her grandmother seemed more _____ each time Gayle visited her in the nursing home.
3. When the _____ buffalo finally heaved itself to its feet, Jen saw long, mud-coated strips of hide dangling from its withers and along its sides.
4. Soren's necklaces are delicately _____ from fine-gauge silver or copper wire, fossilized bone, and semi-precious stones.
5. Morgan passionately hated her school uniform, which consisted of a black pleated skirt, a _____ or a cardigan, a white blouse, and white socks.
6. "You can spend all your time _____ in misery, but that boy isn't going to call, so you might as well get on with your life," Mardi's mother snapped.
7. A _____ arose suddenly in the late afternoon, snapping the branches on the old white pine as if they were toothpicks.
8. The _____ Dancing House in Prague delights tourists from around the world with its curving shapes that suggest a pair of dancers.
9. On *American Idol*, the TV audience votes to _____ the aspiring performers down to a few finalists.
10. As Thea and her family drove through the Montana wheat country, they saw mile after mile of _____ drying in the sun.