

VOCAB-u-lous!

Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With Z

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"Broadly speaking, the short words are the best, and the old words best of all."

—Sir Winston Churchill, British prime minister of the United Kingdom
and winner of the 1953 Nobel Prize in Literature, 1874–1965

The words in the Z Word Bank are short, old, or both. Use one of them to complete each sentence below. Notice that one word fits two sentences. Yes, you may use your dictionary.

Word Bank	zealot	zenith	zephyr	zest	ziggurat
	zither	zoris	zwieback	zygoma	

1. A pyramid and a _____ are similar, but the Egyptians built pyramids as tombs; the Mesopotamian structures served as temples.
2. Vicky's uncle brought her a pair of _____ from Japan when she was just a kid, long before anyone had heard of thongs or flip-flops.
3. Although a black eye may not seem serious, a doctor should always examine it to make sure there is no fracture of the _____.
4. To his employees, Marvin's dedication and willingness to fight for the rights of poor people made him a true _____ in the quest for social justice.
5. Lowell complains that shredding the _____ for his lemon curd recipe takes him nearly an hour.
6. Melinda's baby brother is teething, but the rough surface of the _____ her mother gives him when he cries seems to make his gums feel better.
7. Kristin had taken guitar lessons, but that didn't seem to help when she faced the 30 strings of the _____.
8. The autumnal equinox arrives when the sun reaches its _____ and observers see it directly above them at the equator.
9. As evening fell, the birds began to quiet, and a gentle _____ rising from the west spread the scent of peonies throughout the garden.
10. Connor approached all his meals with _____, which might have accounted for the slight rotundity of his midsection.