

VOCAB-u-lous!

Build a Fabulous Vocab

Words That Begin With SL- Blends

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"He that reads and grows no wiser seldom suspects his own deficiency;
but complains of hard words and obscure sentences,
and asks why books are written which cannot be understood."

—Samuel Johnson, *English biographer, critic,
essayist, lexicographer, and poet, 1709–1784*

Johnson says it all. 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	slake slub(s)	slaphappy sluggard	slatternly sluice	slew slumgullion	slough
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1. "Don't make me come upstairs, you _____!" Mrs. Sinclair yelled at her son, who was still in bed at one in the afternoon.
2. Silt built up against the gate, and the _____ overflowed, flooding the field.
3. The Welson kids loved visiting Crazy Cousin Pat because she always made their favorite supper, _____, at least once.
4. Mei-li thought the _____ in the yarn she was using to weave her shawl really enhanced the design she had created.
5. "If you don't mend your _____ ways, you'll never keep a roommate in college," Mrs. Suarez warned her daughter.
6. Using a power washer to _____ mold from clapboards could also remove paint.
7. "Nothing can _____ Big Oil's craving for profits," Miguel thought when he had to fork over 45 bucks to fill his car with gas.
8. When the surveyors suddenly sank up to their knees in mud, they realized that their map didn't show the true location of the _____.
9. Software can make controlling the _____ of a telescope more accurate, which helps an observer find celestial objects more easily.
10. Quan was positively _____ after hitting a bases-loaded homer to win the game.