

Word Wall (February 2020)

- **Aptly (adverb):** Done in a manner or way that is appropriate, suitable, perfect in the circumstances. “Florida is aptly named the Sunshine State.”
- **Abate (verb):** To become less intense or less widespread. “Thankfully, the storm abated.”
- **Condescending (adjective):** Having or showing a feeling or attitude of superiority, to look down on someone. “The condescending remark from the teacher embarrassed the student.”
- **Inconsequential (adjective):** Not important or significant. “The students argued about inconsequential matters, which made the debate tedious.”
- **Amicable (adjective):** Having a spirit of friendliness, as in a relationship between people, without serious disagreement or bitterness. “We hope there will be an amicable settlement to the dispute, so they can stay friends.”
- **Digression (noun):** A temporary departure from the main subject when speaking or writing. “The speaker returned to the main topic after a brief digression.”
- **Inevitable (adjective):** Certain to happen; unavoidable. “In some cases, war is inevitable.”
- **Pragmatic (adjective):** Dealing with things sensibly, realistically, practically, factually, not in a made-up or extreme way. “The politician was so unrealistic that he refused to listen to a pragmatic solution.”

- Spontaneous (adjective): Occurring as result of a sudden inner impulse, without any planning or thought. “The audience broke into spontaneous applause, which took the actors by surprise.”
- Entail (verb): To involve or include something as a necessary part. “This situation entails a considerable amount of risk.”
- Vindicate (verb): To clear someone of blame or suspicion; to show or prove to be right, reasonable, or justified; to avenge. “His great performance will vindicate the organization that hired him for the job.”
- Compelling (adjective): bringing about interest, attention, or admiration in a powerfully irresistible way. “His compelling eyes put the audience in a trance.” “The compelling book was hard to put down.”
- Scrutinize (verb): To examine or inspect closely or thoroughly. “The employer plans to scrutinize her every move, looking for any small reason to fire her.”
- Conspire (verb): To come together and make secret plans to commit an unlawful or harmful act. “They conspired against Julius Caesar and eventually killed him.”
- Quarantine (verb or noun): To impose isolation on (a person, animal, or place) who may have an infectious or contagious disease. “Doctors in China have quarantined many people who they suspect have the coronavirus.”