

Key word	Definition (including word class)	Example in use
Conduct	How a person behaves in a particular situation.	He did not conduct himself appropriately.
Masculinity	Qualities thought to belong to a man.	He prided himself on his masculinity.
Naïve	Showing a lack of experience.	The boy was naïve to think the teacher would believe him.
Critical	Expressing disapproving comments.	The teacher was extremely critical of the student's work.
Futile	Pointless.	It was futile to continue with the plan.
Realism	Representing a thing or person as true to life.	The poem was important because of its gritty realism.
Emphatic	Expressing something forcibly and clearly.	She was emphatic that the car had been stolen.
Protest	Action expressing disapproval of something.	He stood up in protest.
Vilify	To speak or write about something expressing the opinion that it is wrong.	The politician was vilified by his opponent.
Depict	To describe or show in words.	The poem depicts war as being hellish.
Trauma	A deeply disturbing or distressing experience.	The soldier suffered trauma due to his experience in the war.
Camaraderie	Close friendship or bond amongst people who spend a lot of time together.	The enforced camaraderie of the soldiers.
Confine	Keep someone within certain limits.	The student was confined to the classroom.
Glorify	To describe as admirable.	The TV show was thought to glorify violence.
Disregard	To pay no attention to or ignore something.	She could not disregard the fact that nobody was listening.
Prioritise	To treat something as the most important.	You must prioritise the science homework because it is due tomorrow.
Influential	To encourage someone to do something or behave a certain way.	The speaker was influential in creating change.
Inevitable	Certain to happen.	It is inevitable that it will fall eventually.
Blasé	It has been seen so often that it no longer affects you.	She was blasé about winning the match.
Superiority	A feeling of being better than others.	The head boy had superiority over the other students.
Propaganda	Information used to promote a certain point of view.	The poem was a clear form of propaganda for the war.
Hierarchy	A system of ranking according to status.	There was a clear hierarchy among the students.
Compensate	To make up for something.	They were given money to compensate them for the missing parcel.
Nepotism	Favouring family members, especially giving them jobs.	She promised to put an end to nepotism within the business.
Meritocracy	Reward is given for achievement rather than status or wealth.	He was given the job based on meritocracy.