

# Everyday Vocabulary



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# Lesson One

## 1

“Words, once they’re printed,  
have a life of their own.”  
--CAROL BURNETT

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**abundant** *adj.* (*uh-buhn-duhnt*): a large amount: more than enough.

📖 Community groups bought an **abundant** supply of snacks for the afterschool tutoring program.

**belligerent** *adj.* (*buh-lij-er-uhnt*): having an aggressive or fighting attitude; to be hostile or combative.

📖 Tammy became **belligerent** when the server messed up her order.

**caboose** *n.* (*kuh-boos*): the last car at the back of a train; someone or something that brings up the rear; buttocks.

📖 The tuba player is the **caboose** of the marching band’s line formation.

**deceive** *v.* (*dee-seev*): to trick or lead astray by cheating, being dishonest or creating a false impression.

📖 Credit card companies **deceive** college students with hidden fees, late charges and high interest rates.

**eager** *adj.* (*ee-ger*): impatient enthusiasm or desire; ready to make something happen.

📖 The kids were **eager** to take a field trip to the Mid-America science museum with their teacher.

**famished** *adj.* (*fam-isht*): intensely hungry.

📖 After three hours of practice, the football players were **famished**.

**genuine** *adj.* (**jen**-yoo-in): actual; true; produced by or proceeding from the original source; heart-felt, sincere or honest expressions of feelings.

📖 Rodney proposed to Erica with a **genuine**, 3-carat pink diamond.

**habitable** *adj.* (**hab**-i-tuh-buh l): capable of being lived in; suitable to use as living quarters or housing.

📖 Camping tents for the homeless are not ideal, but **habitable**.

**ideal** *n.* (ahy-**dee**-uhl): a standard or model of perfection, beauty or excellence; a goal; a favorable or preferred condition.

📖 Karen went on a diet to reach her **ideal** dress size before the wedding.

**jovial** *adj.* (**joe**-vee-uhl): having a good attitude; full of joy; friendly, fun or sociable.

📖 At school, Jeremy joined a group of **jovial**, creative art students.

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## Vocabulary Exercise #1

**Directions:** Choose the correct definition.

1. abundant
  - a) scarce
  - b) overflowing
  - c) rich
  
2. jovial
  - a) mean and sad
  - b) fun and joyful
  - c) antisocial
  
3. ideal
  - a) a high standard
  - b) unpleasant goal
  - c) low quality
  
4. belligerent
  - a) loving
  - b) kind
  - c) hostile
  
5. famished
  - a) impatient
  - b) hungry
  - c) satisfied