"ALL OR NOTHING" VOCAB #1 PART 1 GROUP: "ALL" WORDS THAT DESCRIBE QUANTITIES, BOTH LARGE AND SMALL https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QaZUCOlfROM

"ALL"

## **PRODIGIOUS** (pruh DIJ us) adj extraordinary; enormous

- To fill the Grand Canyon with Ping-Pong balls would be a prodigious undertaking; it
  would be both extraordinary and enormous.
- The little boy caught a *prodigious* fish—it was ten times his size and might more easily have caught him had their situations been reversed.
- **PRODIGY** (PRAHD uh jee) *n* an extremely talented child; an extraordinary accomplishment or occurrence
  - The three-year-old *prodigy* could play all of Beethoven and most of Brahms on his harmonica.
  - Barry was a mathematical *prodigy;* he had calculated *pi* to 100 decimal places almost before he could walk.
  - Josephine's tower of dominoes and Popsicle sticks was a *prod-igy* of engineering.
- PROLIFIC (proh LIF ik) adj abundantly productive; fruitful or fertile A prolific writer is a writer who writes a lot of books. A prolific artist is an artist who paints a lot of pictures.
   The old man had been extraordinarily prolific; he had thirty children and more than one hundred grandchildren.
- **PROLIFERATE** (proh LIF uh rayt) v to spread or grow rapidly
  - Honey bees *proliferated* when we filled our yard with flowering plants.
  - Coughs and colds *proliferate* when groups of children are cooped up together during the winter.
  - The police didn't know what to make of the *proliferation* of counterfeit money in the north end of town.
- **PLETHORA** (PLETH ur uh) *n* an excess We ate a *plethora* of candy on Halloween and a *plethora* of turkey on Thanksgiving. Letting the air force use our backyard as a bombing range cre- ated a *plethora* of problems. Note carefully the

pronunciation of this word.

MUNIFICENT (myoo NIF uh sunt) adj very generous; lavish

The *munificent* millionaire gave lots of money to any charity that came to him with a request.

Mrs. Bigelow was a *munificent* hostess; there was so much won- derful food and wine at her dinner parties that the guests had to rest between courses. She was known for her *munificence*.

- **SQUANDER** (SKWAHN dur) *v* to waste Jerry failed to husband his inheritance; instead, he *squandered* it on stuffed toys.
  - AGGREGATE (AG ruh gut) *n* sum total; a collection of separate things mixed together Chili is an *aggregate* of meat and beans.

Aggregate (AG ruh gayt) can also be a verb or an adjective. You would make chili by aggregating meat and beans. Chili is an ag- gregate (AG ruh gut) food. Similar and related words include congregate, segregate, and inte- grate. To aggregate is to bring together; to congregate is to get to- gether; to segregate is to keep apart (or separate); to integrate is to unite.

## **OUICK LIST**

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**GRADED ASSIGNMENT** With construction paper create a drawing or drawings, or cartoons that TEACH or help you remember the word and its definition. You may choose any 4 words above. Look at first page of sentences to maybe get ideas. Remember, rhymes or patterns help your brain "remember". The sillier the better.

## These are great examples

Image, Word, definition, \*used in sentence

## **FATHOM**

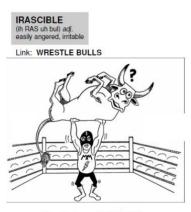
(fa THUM) v. to understand fully; to penetrate the meaning of

Link: FAT THUMB



"Doctors could never FATHOM the reason for Larry's FAT THUMB."

- Her friends thought they had FATHOMED the reason Estelle applied for entrance in an all-boys college: She never had any dates.
- The jury found it hard to FATHOM how the defendant could commit such a terrible crime.
- (In nautical terms, FATHOM is six feet of water depth.)
   We dropped anchor in four FATHOMS of water and made plans to stay for the night.



"When he became IRASCIBLE, the Masked Marvel would WRESTLE BULLS."