

“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 created 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 wonderful 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 *integrate*. To *aggregate* is to bring together; to *congregate* is to get together; to *segregate* is to keep apart (or separate); to *integrate* is to unite.

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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.

IRASCIBLE
(in RAS uh bul) adj.
easily angered, irritable

Link: **WRESTLE BULLS**



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