



## Daily Vocabulary Lesson

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### WORD Turbulent (Adjective)

**MEANING** Characterised by conflict, disorder, or confusion.

**SYNONYMS** tempestuous, stormy, unstable, unsettled, tumultuous

**ANTONYMS** calm, gentle, mild, peaceful

**SENTENCE** The town had remained calm since the **turbulent** times seven months ago.

### WORD Precipitous (Adjective)

**MEANING** dangerously high or steep

**SYNONYMS** abrupt, craggy, dizzy, sharp, sheer

**ANTONYMS** calm, flat, nice, gradual

**SENTENCE** overlooking it are the residential streets that were carved from the **precipitous** slopes.

### WORD Relentless (Adjective)

**MEANING** (1) unceasingly intense; continuous, never ending.  
(2) harsh (or) inflexible.

**SYNONYMS** (1) incessant, constant, uninterrupted, unabated, interminable, perpetual  
(2) grim, fierce, remorselessness, severe, ruthless, stony-hearted

**ANTONYMS** (1) intermittent, relenting, surrendering, yielding  
(2) compassionate, flexible, easy, irresolute, lenient

**SENTENCE** (1) The **relentless** heat of desert.  
(2) A patient but **relentless** taskmaster.

### WORD Stem (Verb)

**MEANING** originate in or be caused by.

**SYNONYMS** arise, derive, emanate, develop, originate

**ANTONYMS** cease, decrease, end, halt, lessen, repress

**SENTENCE** Many of the universities' problems **stem** from rapid expansion.

### WORD Populism (Noun)

**MEANING** Support for the concerns of ordinary people

**SYNONYMS** -

**ANTONYMS** -

**SENTENCE** In the context of electoral politics as practiced here, **populism** is attractive to politicians of all shades.

### WORD Attribute (Verb)

**MEANING** Regard something as being caused by.

**SYNONYMS** ascribe, credit, associate, impute, allot, refer

**ANTONYMS** disconnect

**SENTENCE** The firm **attributed** the profit to rising prices and lower interest payments to its creditors.

### WORD Compassion (Noun)

**MEANING** Sympathetic pity and concern for the sufferings or misfortunes of others.

**SYNONYMS** pity, sympathy, concern, solicitude, tenderness, mercy

**ANTONYMS** animosity, cruelty, ill will, meanness, mercilessness

**SENTENCE** According to the court record, the serial killer showed no **compassion** for his victims.

### WORD Consolidate (Verb)

**MEANING** make something stronger or more solid; combine (a number of things) into single more effective.

**SYNONYMS** build up, cement, centralize, fortify, solidify, unify

**ANTONYMS** disperse, dissuade, scatter, weaker, divide

**SENTENCE** Th publishing company has decided to **consolidate** all of the author's poems in one large book.

### WORD Austerity (Noun)

**MEANING** sternness or severity of manner or attitude.

**SYNONYMS** rigor, acerbity, asperity, astringence

**ANTONYMS** informality, kindness, blandness, mindness

**SENTENCE** Even though she appeared **austere**, my teacher was a very kind woman.

### WORD Spectacle (Noun)

**MEANING** Something showy; exhibition

**SYNONYMS** demonstration, display, event, extra vaganza, pageant, sight, scene, spectacular, tableau

**ANTONYMS** -

**SENTENCE** For some reason, people enjoy looking at the **spectacle** of a deadly traffic accident.

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