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WJS Spelling Challenge: word list with definitions

accompany

Verb: To go somewhere with someone; to happen or exist at the same time as something else

according

Preposition: (paired with 'to') As stated by

achieve

Verb: To succeed in finishing something, or reaching an aim, especially after a lot of work or effort

aggressive

Adjective: Behaving in an angry and violent way, particularly towards another person; using forceful action to win or to achieve success

ancient

Adjective: Of or from a long time ago; having lasted a very long time

apparent

Adjective: Able to be seen or understood; seeming to exist or be true

attached

Adjective: Fastened, joined or connected (also a *verb* [past tense])

communicate

Verb: To share information with others, by speaking, writing, moving your body, or using other signals; to talk about your thoughts and feelings, and help other people to understand them

community

Noun: The people living in one particular area, or people who are considered as a unit because of their common interests, social group or nationality

competition

Noun: A situation in which someone is trying to win something, or be more successful than someone else; an organized event in which people try to win a prize by being the best, fastest, etc.

conscience

Noun: The part of you that judges how moral your own actions are, and makes you feel guilty about bad things that you have done, or things you feel responsible for

conscious

Adjective: Awake, thinking, and knowing what is happening around you; noticing that a particular thing or person exists, or is present

curiosity

Noun: An eager wish to know or learn about something

definite

Adjective: Fixed, certain or clear

dictionary

Noun: A book that contains a list of words in alphabetical order, and explains their meanings, or gives words for them in another language; an electronic product that gives similar information

equipped

Adjective: Having the necessary tools, clothes, kit, skills, etc., to do something

forty

Adjective/determiner (numeral): a number; four tens

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available

Adjective: able to be obtained or used; not busy (person), and therefore able to do something

average

Adjective: (1) a standard or level that is considered to be usual or typical; (2) the answer you get by adding two or more amounts together, and dividing that total by the number of amounts

bargain

Noun: something on sale at a price lower than usual, or lower than its true value; an agreement between two people or groups, in which each promises to do something in exchange for something else (also a *verb*)

bruise

Noun: an injury or mark where the skin has not been broken, but is darker in colour from bleeding under the skin, often as a result of being hit by something (also a *verb*)

category

Noun: a type or group of things or people that have similar features or qualities, often in a system of grouping similar things

cemetery

Noun: an area of ground in which dead bodies are buried

controversy

Noun: a serious disagreement or argument, involving differing ideas or opinions about something, often public, or affecting or important to many people

convenience

Noun: something that is easy to use or do or obtain, that is useful or helpful, or makes life comfortable

correspond

Verb: (1) to be similar or the same in some way; (2) to communicate in writing, or exchange written communication

critic

Noun: Someone who says that they do not approve of something or someone; someone whose job is to give their opinion about something, such as films, music, restaurants

criticise

Verb: to express disapproval of someone or something

desperate

Adjective: needing or wanting something very much; feeling that you have no hope and are ready to take a risk, or do anything, to change the bad situation you are in; very serious or bad; very great or extreme; willing to be violent, and therefore dangerous

determined

Adjective: wanting to do something very much, and not allowing anyone, or any difficulties, to stop you

embarrass

Verb: to cause someone to feel uncomfortable, ashamed or anxious

harass

Verb: to repeatedly or continually annoy or upset someone, over a period of time

occupy

Verb: To fill, exist in, or use a place or period of time; to keep someone busy or interested

occur

Verb: To happen

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amateur

Noun: a person who takes part in an activity because they are interested in it, or because they enjoy it, not as a job (also an adjective); *or* someone who does not have much skill in what they do (also an adjective)

awkward

Adjective: difficult to use, do, or deal with; causing problems, worry, or embarrassment; intentionally unhelpful; embarrassed or nervous; moving in a way that is not natural, relaxed, or attractive

disastrous

Adjective: extremely bad or unsuccessful; causing great harm, damage, or suffering; a complete failure

environment

Noun: the land, air and water in or on which people, animals, and plants live; the conditions that you live or work in, and the way that they influence how you feel, or how effectively you can work

equipment

Noun: the set of necessary tools, machinery, clothing, etc., for a particular purpose

especially

Adverb: very much; more than usual, or more than other people or things; particularly

exaggerate

Verb: to make something seem larger, more important, better, or worse than it really is

excellent

Adjective: extremely good

existence

Noun: the state of being real, of being present, or of being known or recognised; a way of living, particularly a difficult one

explanation

Noun: the details, reasons or information given to make something clear, or easy to understand

familiar

Adjective: easy to recognise, because of having been seen, met, heard, etc., before; informal and friendly, sometimes more than expected or appropriate, because directed towards someone you do not know well

foreign

Adjective: belonging, or connected, to a country that is not your own, or is not the one you are in; to describe an object or substance that has entered something or somewhere else, possibly by accident, and does not belong there

frequently

Adverb: often

government

Noun: the group of people, or the system, or the activities, used for controlling a country, region, city, or population

guarantee

Noun: a promise, or formal agreement, that something will be done, or will happen; especially a written agreement by a company, to repair or change a product that develops a fault, within a particular period of time (also a verb)

hindrance

Noun: something that makes it more difficult for you to do something, or for something to happen or progress

immediate

Adjective: happening or done without delay, or very soon after something else; in the present, or as soon as possible; nearest in space or relationship