

Language Arts

Word Study

Group #23

Annul (v) - (especially of laws or other established rules, usages, etc.) to make void or null; abolish; cancel; invalidate

- *Make sure you carefully read any contract you sign because certain actions may allow the other person to annul, or cancel, your agreement.*
- *The new president annulled the treaty that was signed by the previous president because he did not think it benefited the country.*

Bewildered (adj) – completely puzzled or confused; perplexed

- *I always say I like to do puzzles and mind games, but my attitude changes once I become bewildered after a couple of hours of trying to solve a difficult riddle.*
- *The babysitter became bewildered when she tried everything she could to get the baby to stop crying, but nothing seemed to do the trick.*
- *The stifling defense bewildered the other team, causing the quarterback to throw a record number of interceptions.*

SYNONYMS: befuddled

Egregious (adj) – extraordinary in some bad way; glaring; flagrant

- *Mr. Higgins was able to tolerate a couple simple errors, but when the employee made the egregious mistake of deleting all of the client accounts, Mr. Higgins had to fire him.*
- *The player was ejected from the game because of the egregious foul he committed.*

Fiasco (n) – a complete failure, esp one that is ignominious or humiliating

- *The elegant awards assembly turned into a fiasco when Little Bobby released several mice from the science lab in the auditorium.*
- *The rollout of the new product was a fiasco due to the website crashing and a lack of supplies to meet demand.*

Incapacitate (v) - to deprive of power, strength or capacity; disable

- *Kryptonite is the only thing in the universe that can incapacitate Superman; otherwise, he's unstoppable.*
- *Cutting off the supply lines incapacitated the enemy's ability to mount an attack.*

SYNONYMS: immobilized

Kindle (v) – to start a fire; to excite; to stir up

- *After a dull practice, the players' spirits were kindled by a timely pep talk from their coach.*
- *With a lot of patience combined with the right technique, you can kindle a campfire using leaves and sticks.*
- *He had all but given up on his dream of becoming an artist, but an inspiring new teacher rekindled his interest in painting.*

Listless (adj) – having or showing little or no interest in anything

- *I couldn't believe Garret remained listless the entire time we were talking about our big group project. Does he even care about our grades?*
- *The students walked listlessly throughout the tour, not taking any interest in what was being taught.*

Meticulous (adj) – taking or showing extreme care about minute details; precise; thorough

- *Nancy is a very meticulous planner who will schedule every single second of her family's annual vacation.*
- *Having done poorly on the previous test, Kathy took meticulous notes during the teacher's lecture, hoping to capture every important detail.*

Premonition (n) - a feeling of anticipation of, or anxiety over, a future event

- *He chose to avoid the path that led to the denser part of the woods because he had a premonition of danger around the bend.*
- *When the boss suddenly stopped socializing with the employees, they had a premonition that layoffs were about to take place.*

Subside (v) – to become quiet, less active, or less violent

- *Although you say you are feeling better, you should wait until all of your symptoms subside before returning to school.*
- *The helicopter needed to wait for the winds to subside before attempting the daring mountaintop rescue.*