

- [abandoned](#)

forsaken by owner or inhabitants

- [accepted](#)

generally approved or compelling recognition

- [aggressive](#)

characteristic of an enemy or one eager to fight

- [alienated](#)

socially disoriented

- [amazed](#)

filled with the emotional impact of overwhelming surprise

- [amused](#)

pleasantly occupied

- [anxious](#)

causing or fraught with or showing anxiety

- [apathetic](#)

showing little or no emotion or animation

- [ashamed](#)

feeling guilt or embarrassment or remorse

- [astonished](#)

filled with the emotional impact of overwhelming surprise

- [aversion](#)

a feeling of intense dislike

- [avoidance](#)

deliberately avoiding

- [awed](#)

inspired by a feeling of fearful wonderment or reverence

- [awful](#)

exceptionally bad or displeasing

- [bored](#)

tired of the world

- [confident](#)

having or marked by assurance

- [confused](#)

unable to think with clarity or act intelligently

- [courageous](#)

able to face and deal with danger or fear without flinching

- [critical](#)

marked by a tendency to find and call attention to flaws

Try not to be too **critical** when assessing students' first drafts, but do focus on key places where they can improve.

- [depressed](#)

filled with melancholy and despondency

- [despair](#)

a state in which all hope is lost or absent • [detestable](#)
offensive to the mind

- [devastate](#)

overwhelm or overpower

- [disappointed](#)

sadly unsuccessful

- [disapproving](#)

expressing or manifesting disapproval

- [disillusioned](#)

freed from false ideas

- [dismayed](#)

struck with fear, dread, or consternation

- [disrespectful](#)

exhibiting lack of regard; rude and discourteous

- " • [distant](#)

remote in manner

- [eager](#)

having or showing keen interest or intense desire

- [ecstatic](#)

feeling great rapture or delight

- [embarrassed](#)

feeling or caused to feel uneasy and self-conscious

Together, they embrace then pull apart as if **embarrassed** by the physical closeness. [Seattle Times \(Nov 10, 2014\)](#)

- [empty](#)

void of emotion

Instead I felt **empty**, and inside I wanted to cry. [BBC \(Nov 11, 2014\)](#)

- [energetic](#)

possessing or displaying forceful exertion

Niall had been a goofy, **energetic**, creative kid who wasn't quite sure what he wanted to do with his life. [Washington Post](#)

- [enraged](#)

marked by extreme anger

When he returned home, he searched his wife's cell phone and became **enraged** when he found a picture of another man, prosecutors said. [Reuters \(Nov 7, 2014\)](#)

- [excited](#)

in an aroused state

"Musically, visually, the image, the performance, everything aligned. I was very **excited**." [Los Angeles Times \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [frightened](#)

made afraid

"If someone talks about using force, I am **frightened**," she said. [New York Times \(Nov 9, 2014\)](#)

- [frustrated](#)

disappointingly unsuccessful

"But it still make me sad that I can't speak well. I call my interpreter when I get **frustrated**." [Reuters \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [fulfilled](#)

completed to perfection

Cut to a shot of a walker shambling ever forward, presumably happy and **fulfilled** by his life's "ambition" to eat another brain. [Time \(Nov 9, 2014\)](#)

- [furious](#)

marked by extreme anger

White House officials were **furious**, calling Krone's behavior "unprofessional." [Seattle Times \(Nov 10, 2014\)](#)

- [guilty](#)

showing a sense of wrongness

Bonus points for having Unser actually feel **guilty** about taking a life. [Los Angeles Times \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [hateful](#)

evoking or deserving hatred

Most people have been supportive, she said, but others have been **hateful**. [Los Angeles Times \(Nov 9, 2014\)](#)

- [hesitant](#)

unable to act or decide quickly or firmly

He is **hesitant** around me, kind of respectfully shy. [The Help](#)

- [hopeful](#)

having or manifesting optimism

His critique of Reaganism, published in 1986, missed what others plainly saw, that a genuinely **hopeful** spirit was animating the American right. [New York Times \(Nov 9, 2014\)](#)

- [hostile](#)

characterized by enmity or ill will

They continued to back Mr. Dunkle, saying an independent investigation had found he had not created a **hostile** work environment, Bishop Sisk said. [New York Times \(Nov 7, 2014\)](#)

- [humiliated](#)

subdued or brought low in condition or status

I felt **humiliated** in front of my colleagues and unmasked as a weak person not competent to manage difficult patients. [Slate \(Nov 9, 2014\)](#)

- [hurt](#)

psychological suffering

“It **hurts** me and it pains me. Paul is with him, but I sometimes feel like I’m failing as a mother.”
[New York Times \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [ignored](#)

disregarded

Have you ever felt **ignored** for no reason at all?

- [important](#)

of great significance or value

Giving children a time to present their work makes them feel **important**, which leads to their taking their work more seriously.

- [inadequate](#)

not sufficient to meet a need

Watching your children founder in school can leave a parent feeling hopeless and **inadequate**.

- [indifferent](#)

marked by a lack of interest

A few staffers, though, seemed either **indifferent** or downright surly.[Forbes \(Nov 7, 2014\)](#)

- [inferior](#)

of low quality

We love watching the pros, but let's be honest, it can make us feel a bit **inferior** when it comes to our golf games.[Golf Digest \(Oct 16, 2013\)](#)

- [infuriated](#)

marked by extreme anger

The result was an act of parliament that, in attempting to satisfy everyone, **infuriated** millions.[BBC \(Nov 6, 2014\)](#)

- [inquisitive](#)

showing curiosity

Her older sister, Boedges added, “is an **inquisitive** girl, very talkative.”[Washington Post](#)

- [insecure](#)

lacking self-confidence or assurance

I was so **insecure**, and I hated myself.[Time \(Nov 1, 2014\)](#)

- [insignificant](#)

of little importance or influence or power; of minor status

“Hell, a kid’s already scared of being small and **insignificant**,” he once said.[The New Yorker \(Nov 5, 2014\)](#)

- [inspired](#)

of surpassing excellence

Are you feeling **inspired** and ready to put your new-found, seemingly easy strategies into action starting tomorrow?[Forbes \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [interested](#)

showing curiosity or fascination or concern

She learned Braille “because I’m **interested** in tactile things. I’m **interested** in hair as a language. So why not go to a tactile language?”[Washington Times \(Nov 9, 2014\)](#)

- [intimate](#)

marked by close acquaintance, association, or familiarity

The couple grew so **intimate** that the woman promised she would move to New York in six months. [New York Times \(Nov 7, 2014\)](#)

- [irritated](#)

aroused to impatience or anger

But he spoke like a frustrated political veteran, as if decades of merely watching the news had left him **irritated** and saddened. [The New Yorker \(Nov 4, 2014\)](#)

- [isolated](#)

being or feeling set or kept apart from others

"Growing up, I was **isolated** from this issue, rarely talked about it," Stonebraker said. [Reuters \(Nov 11, 2014\)](#)

- [jealous](#)

suspicious or fearful of being displaced by a rival

"I think it was really hard. I think he was a little **jealous** of the video guy at first," Gomez joked. [Los Angeles Times \(Nov 6, 2014\)](#)

- [joyful](#)

full of or producing great happiness

Investors squeezed in a **joyful** one-hour lunch break before the afternoon panels. [Forbes \(Nov 8, 2014\)](#)

- [judgmental](#)

depending on assessing a person or situation or event

Those who are asleep at the switch, or **judgmental**, get hurt. [New York Times \(Nov 10, 2014\)](#)

- [liberated](#)

free from traditional social restraints

It was as if the reduced expectations had **liberated** her. [Washington Post](#)

- [loathing](#)

hate coupled with disgust

The man they are seeking is described as a survivalist and an excellent shot, with a **loathing** for law-enforcement officials. [New York Times \(Sep 21, 2014\)](#)

- [lonely](#)

marked by sadness from being by yourself

Company exhausted him, even though he grew **lonely** in its absence. [Slate \(Nov 5, 2014\)](#)

- [loving](#)

feeling or showing love and affection

"He was so patient. He wasn't a complainer. He was so **loving**, despite all the stuff that he went through," his wife said. [US News \(Nov 11, 2014\)](#)

- [mad](#)

roused to anger

"Because either way you voted on that, you're making somebody **mad**. And the financial sector was furious." [The New Yorker \(Nov 10, 2014\)](#)

- [open](#)

straightforward and direct without reserve or secretiveness

What's more, other governments seem **open** to following the example from Down Under.[Time \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [optimistic](#)

hopeful that the best will happen in the future

She said the talks were going well and she felt **optimistic** that progress could be made.[BBC \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [overwhelm](#)

overcome, as with emotions or perceptual stimuli

She was a little **overwhelmed** with being the adored focus of such power, as he rose and fell.[The Guardian \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [peaceful](#)

not disturbed by strife or turmoil or war

In 2001, my husband and I ditched the dot-com rat race of Silicon Valley for a more **peaceful** life in the mountains of Lake Tahoe.[New York Times \(Nov 10, 2014\)](#)

- [perplexed](#)

full of difficulty or confusion or bewilderment

The bankers who arrange the loan deals say that they are **perplexed**.[New York Times \(Nov 4, 2014\)](#)

- [playful](#)

full of fun and high spirits

He says the fourth "Toy Story" installment will "open a new chapter" in the lives of Woody, Buzz and their **playful** pals.[Washington Times \(Nov 7, 2014\)](#)

- [powerful](#)

having great force or effect

The first option is benevolent, but the second is **powerful**.[Forbes \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [powerless](#)

lacking power

If anything goes wrong then, scientists will be **powerless** to do anything but watch.[Seattle Times \(Nov 11, 2014\)](#)

- [proud](#)

feeling self-respect, self-esteem, or self-importance

"He's very stubborn, a little fighter. And that's why I'm **proud** of him," his father told the TV station.[Los Angeles Times \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [provocative](#)

serving or tending to excite or stimulate

The teenagers did not appear to be engaged in violent or **provocative** behavior at the time they were shot.[New York Times \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [rejected](#)

rebuffed (by a lover) without warning

The break up with his best friend left him feeling lonely, **rejected**, and generally out of sorts.

- [remorseful](#)

feeling or expressing pain or sorrow for sins or offenses

In a statement, Chow said the running back was “contrite, embarrassed and **remorseful**.”
[Washington Times \(Oct 15, 2014\)](#)

- [repugnant](#)

offensive to the mind

These incidents now strike us as **repugnant** discrimination.[Slate \(Nov 7, 2014\)](#)

- [resentful](#)

full of or marked by indignant ill will

This is how we, the electorate, are being described: sour, dyspeptic, demoralized, disgusted, rebellious, frustrated, **resentful**, angry.[Seattle Times \(Nov 7, 2014\)](#)

- [respected](#)

receiving deferential regard

“It makes people feel appreciated, valued and **respected**.”[US News \(Nov 11, 2014\)](#)

- [ridicule](#)

the act of deriding or treating with contempt

Have football's routinely **ridiculed** executives actually changed something for the better?[BBC \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [sarcastic](#)

expressing or expressive of ridicule that wounds

“I was thrilled we shot more free throws as a team than James Harden,” a **sarcastic** Sixers coach Brett Brown said.[Seattle Times \(Nov 4, 2014\)](#)

- [scared](#)

made afraid

"I'm **scared** right now," she said as she watched smoke from the burning house.[US News \(Nov 11, 2014\)](#)

- [sensitive](#)

responsive to physical stimuli

The child was **sensitive**, perceiving even the slightest teasing as an aggressive attack.

- [shocked](#)

struck with fear, dread, or surprise

The photo of a wide-eyed, **shocked** Loren glancing over at Mansfield captures a classic Hollywood moment.[Los Angeles Times \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [skeptical](#)

marked by or given to doubt

Faced with **skeptical** — or sexist — editors and colleagues, the women found that work sometimes came at the price of their personal lives.[New York Times \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [startled](#)

excited by sudden surprise or alarm and making a quick involuntary movement

- [submissive](#)

inclined or willing to give in to orders or wishes of others

Finally, a textbook that teaches women the manly pursuit of science in terms that our feeble, **submissive** lady brains will understand.[Salon \(Oct 14, 2014\)](#)

- [suspicious](#)

openly distrustful and unwilling to confide

The survey suggested that most customers remained **suspicious** of how companies used their data.[BBC \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [terrified](#)

thrown into a state of intense fear or desperation

"She knew she was going to be murdered. She was **terrified**".[BBC \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [threatened](#)

likely in the near future to become endangered

"I was disgusted that my voice was ignored, but they felt **threatened** after being called by a politician."[BBC \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [victimized](#)

of persons; taken advantage of

Any girl suspected of being attracted to girls was gossiped about, **victimized**, and shunned.[Middlesex: A Novel](#)

- [vulnerable](#)

capable of being wounded or hurt

"She is so funny and **vulnerable**," he said.[Los Angeles Times \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [withdrawn](#)

tending to reserve or introspection

Executive coach Maureen Moriarty believes that those who fail to communicate their feelings at work are often perceived as aloof, cold, **withdrawn** or untrustworthy.[US News \(Nov 11, 2014\)](#)

- [worried](#)

afflicted with or marked by anxious uneasiness or trouble

According to the survey, 80% of Americans are **worried** about the government's monitoring of phone and Internet communications.[Wall Street Journal \(Nov 12, 2014\)](#)

- [worthless](#)

lacking in usefulness or value

"I was just tired of it. I was letting my family down; I was feeling **worthless**."